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Commencing 8 Mo. 1803.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held on Rhode Island the 11th of 8th Mo. 1803. —

The Representatives appointed by the several Monthly Meetings to attend this are for Rhode Island Elizabeth Hosier, Martha Gould & Elizabeth Thurston — for Greenwich Ruth Langford, Elizabeth Green & Sarah Howland — for South Kingston Sarah Wilbour and Lucy Anna Knowles — for Swanzey Susanna Earl & Sarah Earl — for Providence Mary Arnold, Hepzibah Harris and Dorcas Brown all present ——— The friends appointed to attend the yearly Meeting inform they all attended, except Abigail Arnold who has given a Satisfactory Reason for not attending; — They also inform they had in charge from that Meeting the Extracts from the Yearly Meeting Minutes and transcripts of Epistles from corresponding Yearly Meetings which have been read to Satisfaction ——— We have received accounts with answers from the three queries usually answered from all the Monthly Meetings hereunto belonging with a Summary comporting therewith which has been read and is as follows Viz

Summary

"All our Meetings have been kept up except one occasioned by a Storm, those on first days generally attended by the greater part though a remissness appears in the attendance of Afternoon and Mid-Week Meetings. — Some complaint of Sleeping in one or two instances to which care hath been extended, clear of other unbecoming behaviour Love and Unity in a good degree subsists amongst us, tho' short of what is queried after. — It appears Friends endeavour to discourage detraction, where differences have care hath been extended but not without some delay. —

A testimony has been presented, read and approved from Hopkinton South Kingston Monthly Meeting setting forth the pious Life and peaceful close of our dear deceased Friend Thomas Wilbour son of Thos. —— Our beloved Friend Abi-gail Robinson has laid before this Meeting a concern which has been on her mind for several years past to pay a Re-ligious Visit to the Southern States particularly North & South Carolina, Georgia & Baltimore Yearly Meetings and some Meetings on their way thither — also presented a Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting expres-sive of their Unity and sympathy with her in the said prospect, which having been read is cordially united with in this Meeting. —— Our endeared Friend Lydia Wickes has likewise laid before us a similar concern to accompany our Friend on her religious visit and has produced a certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting expressive of their cordial Unity and tender sympathy with her therein which has been read in this meeting and feelingly united with, and laying the subject before our New Friends who also unite they are furnished with endorsements on their Certifi-cates from this Quarterly Meeting — but as it is not con-venient to transcribe them in Meeting, the Clerks are directed to do it and sign the Same on behalf of the Meeting. ——

This Meeting concludes & if permitted We are to meet again at Providence in the 10mo next

Signed in and on behalf of the Said Meet-ing by Sarah Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 13th of 10th Mo. 1803. —

The Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meetings to attend this are for Rhode Island Sarah Fowler, Ruth Sisson & Susanna Almy — for Greenwich Hannah Arnold, Sarah Green & Sarah Knowles, Lousette Kingston Hannah Perry and Catherine Kingston, for Swanzy Hannah Earl & Patience Buffington — for Providence Abigail Arnold and Anna Anthony, all present except Hannah Perry & Sarah Green ... ---- We have rec'd accounts with answers to the three Queries usually answered from all the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging with a summary collected therefrom which has been read and is as follows Viz

"Summary.

It appears that all our Meetings have been kept up tho' in some Meetings by a small number particularly midweek Meetings and those for discipline the hour mostly observed — clear of unbecoming behaviour except some instances of Sleeping in Meetings on which account care has been extended — a good degree of Love & Unity is maintained in each Meeting — Detraction mostly discouraged, and where differences have arisen care has been extended to end them — a concern rests with most Friends for a regular & careful dealing with offenders & Judgement is placed according to Discipline." —

A printed Epistle from the London Yearly Meet[g] has been presented to this Meeting containing much seasonable advice, which has been read to Satisfaction. —

We have been favoured at this time with the company this time of our beloved Friend Mary Mitchell whose labours of Love have been truly acceptable. —

This Meeting concludes and if permitted we are to meet again in the 1st Mo. at Swanzey. —

Signed on behalf of the Quarterly Meet[g] by Sarah Fowler Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset for Rhode Island the 12th of 1st Mo. 1804

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Wait Lawton, Sarah Fish and Joanna Mitchell, for Greenwich Deborah Green & Freelove Harris, for Swanzey Abigail Lawton & Mary Earl, for South Kingston Mercy Peckham and Sarah Wilbour, for Providence Mary Lapham, Dorcas Brown and Abigail Arnold who being called are all present except Joanna Mitchell who (We are informed) is prevented attending by indisposition in her family. — The Clerk being absent the assistant clerk is desired to write for the day. — We have rec.d accounts from the several Monthly Meetings composing this with answers to the 1st, 2d & 12th Queries and a summary collected therefrom, which has been read, approved, & is as follows Viz

Summary. —

"All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline appear to have been kept up except in two instances occasioned by Stormy Weather though some Meetings are attended by a small number, the hour generally observed not all clear of Sleeping on which account some care has been extended & other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear. —

Love & Unity in a good degree subsists among us. — most Friends are careful to guard against detraction no differences that We know of. — A concern rests with Friends to labour with offenders though We fear not without some delay, and Judgment has been placed where it has appeared necessary agreeably to Discipline." —

Our dear Friend Ann Alexander attended this Meeting with a Certificate from Woodbridge Monthly Meeting

Meeting in the County of Suffolk Great Britain held at Woodbridge the 1st of 3mo 1803 with concurring certificates from the Quarterly Meeting held at Ipswich the 15th of 3d Month 1803 and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London 27th of 5mo 1803 all expressive of much Sympathy and Unity with Her in a concern that had for some time attended Her mind to pay a religious visit to Friends on the continent of America; Her Companion Hannah L Fisher also attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Southern district held by adjournment the 30th of 11th Month 1803 expressive of their Unity with Her prospect of accompanying the above named Friend in her visit to Friends in New York, New England and other parts of the Continent as truth may open the way - their Company and Labours among us have been truly acceptable -----

This Meeting concludes under an humbling sense of the extension of Divine Regard and are to meet again at East Greenwich in the 4th mo if permitted

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
by Abigail Arnold Clerk for
the Day. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich the 12th of 4th mo 1804. —

The Representatives from the Several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Sarah Gowen, Elizabeth Thurston & Hannah Dennis, for Greenwich Mary Matthewson Sarah Green & Judith Briggs, Swanzey Lusanna Earl & Sarah Earl. South Kingston Hannah Perry, Sarah Hoxie & Sarah Wilbour, Providence Thebe Brown, Hepzibah

Kezrilah Harriss and Sarah Pearce who being called are all present except Hannah Perry ---- The Queries with answers from the several Monthly Meetings have been read in this Meeting and a Summary collected therefrom which is as follows Viz

Summary. -:

"Meetings for Worship and Discipline kept up except a few Instances not attended by Women occasioned by Stormy Weather and difficulty of travelling, mid-Week meetings often small the hour generally observed, Friends mostly preserved from Sleeping where it has been otherwise care has been taken, clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met ---- It appears that Love & Unity is in a good degree maintained among Friends and detraction guarded against, no complaint of differences except in one meeting where care is taken

Some Friends are carefull to bring up those under their direction in plainness as Queried after and to be good examples themselves, while others appear deficient in those respects, The Holy Scriptures frequently read in most Friends Families ---- It appears that Friends are mostly preserved from the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors not all clear of attending places of public resort care taken the Circumstances of the poor mostly inspected and their necessities measurably relieved the other part clear as far as appears, - There appears one instance of keeping company out of society and some instances of attending disorderly Marriages wherein care is taken, the other part clear - No deficiency appears in the Seventh Query - The eighth clear except reasonably settling accounts — a general testimony borne against Slavery — Measurably carefull in the

latter part of the Query — no complaint in the tenth Query. — Mostly clear as to recording, two instances of removal without certificates which are under notice — some neglect in seasonably dealing with offenders, Judgement plac'd when it hath appeared necessary." —

General Answers and an account to the Yearly Meeting have also been prepared & presented to the meeting which being read approved and signed by the Clerk are to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives, who are Sarah Earl, Abigail Lawton Sybal Reynolds, Hannah Dennis, Ruth Langford and Abigail Arnold whom we appoint to attend the Yearly Meeting and make report to next Quarter

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that they have with the Unity of the Mens Meeting appointed Abigail Green to the Station of an Elder wh has been weightily considered in this and the Mens Meeting and is feelingly united with, Elizabeth Thurston is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof and make report to next Quarterly Meeting — — — — The time being expired for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed and she being absent Abigail Arnold is proposed to that service the ensuing Year and Sarah Earl of Swanzey Monthly Meeting assistant clerk which is refered till next Quarterly Meeting for consideration. — —

This meeting concludes and We are to meet again in the 8th month if permitted

Signed by direction of the Meeting

by Abigail Arnold Clerk

this time. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 9th of 8mo 1804.-

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Sarah Robinson & Ruth Sisson, East Greenwich Judith Briggs, Anna Smith and Sarah Green, South Kingston Lucy Anna Knowles and Avis Knowles, Swanzey Charity Buffington and Eunice Brayton. Providence Hepzibah Harris, Abigail Arnold & Dorcas Brown who being called are all present except Dorcas Brown who is prevented by indisposition of Body. — The appointment of a Clerk has been before this Meeting and the former Clerk being now present and expressing a Wish to be dismissed Abigail Arnold is appointed to that service the year ensuing and Sarah Earl assistant Clerk. — Elizabeth Thurston informs that agreeable to appointment she has informed the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Abigail Green to the station of an Elder. — The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report that they attended agreeably to appointment. —

We have received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings composing this with answers to the 1st, 2d & 12th Queries and a Summary collected therefrom as follows Viz

Summary. —

"Meetings for Worship & Discipline have been kept up and attended on first days by the greater part of our members. Midweek Meetings and those for discipline not so fully attended and with some there is almost a total neglect of this important duty, no unbecoming behaviour when met except Sleepiness which appears in some at times on which account some Labour has been bestowed. — Love & Unity are measurably maintained Detraction not enough guarded against on which acct

some labour has been bestowed yet we apprehend an increase thereof is requisite, where differences have arisen care has been taken. --- It appears that some care rests on the minds of Friends in regard to the regular dealing with offenders and placing judgement according to discipline though we fear there has been too much delay in some Instances". ------

The Mens Meeting inform that Providence Monthly Meeting have approved of the public appearance in the Ministry of Wm. Ivey which meets the concurrence of the Mens Meeting and has also been considered and united with in this ----

Our dear Friends Abigail Robinson & Lydia Wickes attended this Meeting and very feelingly laid before it some account of their late visit to friends in the southern parts of this Continent and their preser-vation and divine support in the many proving dis-pensations both in sickness and in health through which in the course of their labours they had to pass which has been sweet to the satisfaction of this Meeting and the consolation and encouragement of ma-ny minds. --- They also presented certificates from the Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at little River in Virginia County North Carolina the 25th of 2nd Month 1804 and Copies of a Minute of Fairfax Monthly Meeting held the 26 of 5 Mo. 1804 with Indorsements from the Yearly Meet-ing held in Baltimore for the Western Shore of Maryland and the adjacent parts of Pensylvania and Virginia by adjournments from the 10th day of the 10th Month to

of the same inclusive 1803, and from the Yearly Meeting held in New Garden in Guilford County North Carolina by adjournments from the 31st of 10mo to the 3rd of 11th mo inclusive 1803. also from the Monthly Meeting held at Bush River in South Carolina the 28th of 4mo 1804 all expressive of the near unity and Sympathy of Friends among whom their lot was cast.—

Our beloved Friend Mary Mitchell attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute from the Monthly Meeting held on Nantucket for the Northern District 4mo 27. 1803 expressive of their unity with her as a Minister and Sympathy in a concern to make a Religious visit to friends in this & Smithfield Quarterly Meetings and elsewhere if way should open — her visit being nearly compleated and her company and Gospel Labours amongst us having been truly acceptable and Edifying, a few lines expressive thereof has been prepared and Endorsed on her Certificate.—— The following Extract from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting were received and read in this meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to each Monthly Meeting herein belonging viz

An Extract from the minutes of the Womens Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island 6mo 1804.—

We are informed from the Mens Meeting that it is concluded that the Introductory recommendation usually read preceding the Queries may be omitted in

future, unless circumstances render it Necessary and
that Women Friends in their Meetings need not read
or answer that part of the 7th Query respecting the
payment of Priests Wages, bearing of Arms training
or other Military Matters and that the following be
the whole of the 7th Query, Viz Are Friends careful to
maintain our testimony, faithfully, against Slavery
with which We unite - - -

Extracted from the Minutes
Mary Rotch Clerk

This Meeting concludes and We are to meet again
at Providence in the 10th Mo if permitted - - -

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
by Abigail Arnold Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Providence for Rhode Island the 11th of 10 Mo 1804

The Representatives from the several Monthly
Meetings are for Rhode Island Ruth Sisson, Sarah Sow-
-er & Joanna Mitchell, for Greenwich Deborah Green
Ruth Langford & Anna Smith, for Swanzey Susanna
Earle & Sarah Earle, for South Kingston Sarah Hallowell
and Mercy Peckham, for Providence Mary Arnold and
Abigail Arnold, who being called are all present except
Susanna Earle who was prevented attending by Sickness

weather ——— We have received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries and a Summary collected therefrom which is as follows Viz

Summary

Ans. 1st "It appears that all our Meetings are kept up though some are attended but by a small number particularly Nine-week Meetings three small meetings not attended by women occasioned by Indisposition of Body and a severe Storm the hour generally observed, mostly preserved from sleeping, tho' some are tried with drowsiness at times, care extended, clear of other unbecoming behaviour as far as appears. ———

2nd Love & Unity, measurably maintained among us, and a care to discourage detraction tho' it appears to be not so fully guarded against by all as would be best, clear of differences except in one instance where care is taken.—

12th. — A general care appears for the regular dealing with offenders, tho' not without some delay, and judgement is plac'd where it appears necessary agreeably to Discipline". ——— We have likewise received transcripts of the Epistles from London, Philadelphia & New York which have been read to our satisfaction and copies thereof forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings, the repre-

sentatives

Representatives have been requested to revive in their respective meetings the advice of having them read to such Friends as are unable to attend Meetings. — This Meeting concludes and are to meet again in the first Month at Swanzey if permitted. — —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

by Abigail Arnold Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset for Rhode Island 10th of 1st Month 1805. —

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Hannah Dennis and Elizabeth Almy for Greenwich Mary Spencer and Prudence Harris for Swanzey Eunice Brayton & Mary Card for South Kingston Mary Collins and Sarah Wilbur for Providence Hepzibah Harris & Alice Almy who being called are all present except Hepzibah Harris, the Clerk being absent the assistant Clerk is appointed to write for the day. — — We have rec'd accounts with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 12th Queries from all the Monthly Meetings composing this with a summary collected therefrom which is as follows Viz. — Summary. —

"All our Meetings have been kept up except

"a few instances occasioned by sickness and the severity of the weather though there is almost a total neglect in some on whom labour has been bestowed, the hour generally observed, drowsiness is apparent at times in some, no other unbecoming behaviour when not Love and Unity in a good degree maintained amongst us though not without exceptions detraction mostly guarded against, a concern remains among Friends to end differences. — Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in meekness without partiality but not without some delay, a care rests with Friends to place Judgement in the manner queried after." —

Providence Monthly Meeting in their accounts inform that they have appointed Mary Anthony to the Station of an Elder with the Unity of the Mens Meeting which being taken into consideration meets the approbation of this and the Mens Meeting and Firelove Harriss is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof and report to our next Quarterly Meeting. ——— There was rec^d and read in this meeting Certificates on behalf of our Friends Abigail Robinson & Lydia Vickes from the Quarterly Meeting held at Contentney Waynes County North Carolina the 25^th^ of 4^th^ month 1804 and from the Western Quarterly Meeting held at Back Creek in Randolph County and State of North Carolina the 12th of the 5^th^ mo 1804 all expressive of the near unity of Friends and their Labours of Love amongst them. — was likewise received and read an Epistle from our esteemed Friend George Ehrenman containing much seasonable and pertinent advice which is very acceptable and consolatory to us ——

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This Meeting concludes and are to meet again in the 4th Month if permitted ---

Signed by Sarah Earl Clerk
for the Day. ---

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 11th of 4th mo. 1805

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Sarah Fowler, Susanna Barker & Elizabeth Thurry, for Greenwich Deborah Green Anna Smith & Sybil Reynolds, for Swanzey Susanna Earl and Sarah Earl, for South Kingston Lucy Arena for Providence Lydia Wilkinson & Abigail Arnold, all present except Sarah Rollins Knowles and Sarah Collins ---- Freelove Harris reports that she informed the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Mary Anthony to the Station of an Elder --- We have rec'd accounts with answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings with general Answers collected therefrom which are as follows Viz. "All our Meetings have been kept up and attended except in some few Instances occasioned by sickness and difficulty of travelling yet there appears an indifference in some of our members in this important duty, the how mostly observed drowsiness appears in some at times clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met, - Love and Unity generally preserved but not without instances of weakness, detraction measurably guarded

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against, where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, It appears that most friends are endeav-ouring to bring up those under their direction agreeable to what is queried after and to be good examples themselves not altogether clear of reading unprofitable books the Scrip-tures read in most Friends families, not all clear of at-tending places of public resort, some care taken, the other part clear, The circumstances of the poor inspected & measurably relieved, some care taken in regard to Learning, none placed out that We know of.———

Several Instances of keeping company & marrying out of Society, some Friends have not sufficiently discountenanced disorderly Marriages, some care extended, generally clear in the 7th & 8th Queries, and a general Engagement appears to support our testimony against Slavery, no deficiency appears in the 10th Query not all clear as to records, clear as to certificates except in one Instance which is under notice, there appears a general care to deal with offen-ders tho' not without some delay and Judgement has been placed where it appeared necessary agree-ably to Discipline."—

An account also hath been prepared and signed by the Clerk and is with the general answers to be forward-ed to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Susanna Barker, Anna Green of Greenwich, Eliza-beth Thurston, Hezekiah Harris & Sarah Wilbour whom We appoint to attend s.d Yearly Meeting and report at next Quarter.—— South Kingston Monthly sent up in their account that they had appointed Mary Collins to

the Station of an Elder which has been considered in this and the mens Meeting and is concurred with and Sarah Fowler is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof and report to next Quarter. —

This Meeting concludes and We are to meet again in the 8th Month if permitted

Signed Abigail Arnold Clk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 8th of 8th Mo 1805 ——— ——

The representatives from the several Month-ly Meetings are for Rhode Island Sarah Robinson Ruth Sisson & Elizabeth Thurston for Greenwich Ruth Langford, Ruth Green & Elizabeth Green, for Swanzey Patience Buffington & Phebe Lawton for South Kingston Mercy Peckham & Lucy Anna Knowles, for Providence Hepzibah Harris & Lydia Smith who being called are all present. —

Sarah Fowler reports that she has in-formed the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Mary Collins to the station of an Elder. — We have received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 12th Queries and a Summary collected there-from which is as follows Viz)

"Summary."

"All our Meetings have been kept up except two which were prevented by a heavy storm although there is an apparent slackness in some particularly in the

attendance of midweek Meetings the how generally observed know not but clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met. ——— Love & Unity measurably subsists amongst us. Detraction somewhat guarded against where differ-ences have arisen care has been taken to end them. ——

Five appears an Engagement on Friends minds . . . for regular Dealing with offenders without partiality tho' We fear not at all times without some delay in Order that Judgement might be placed when necessary according to discipline." ———

We have rec'd transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends in London Philadelphia & New York with some extracts from the Minutes of your last Yearly Meeting containing many pertinent remarks and weighty admonitions which We hope may tend to our Edification; Said extracts contained the information that a proposition had been sent up from Salem Quarter for altering the times of holding their Quarterly Meetings, that in future they be held as follows in the first Month at Dover, fourth Month at Seabrook Eighth Month at Berwick and tenth Month at Salem on the fourth 5th day in each Month also that Falmouth Quarter proposes that their Quarterly Meeting at Durham be held in future on the fifth day preceding the first 6th day in the 11th Mo and at Windham on the fifth day preceding the first 6th day in the second Month which alteration

were concurred with in the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward copies of sd Extracts to the several Monthly Meetings. ——— This meeting is informed that the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting all attended agreeable to appointment. —— The time being expired for which the Clerk and assistant Clk were appointed to serve the Meeting they are reappointed to the same service the ensuing year. — This Meeting concludes & are to meet again in the 10m° at Providence if permitted

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

by Abigail Arnold Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence for Rhode Island the 10th of 10 mo 1805. —

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island, Sarah Bowler, Elizabeth Thurston and Joanna Mitchel. — For Greenwich Abigail Green, Sarah Rowland and Ruth Green. — For Swanzey Eunice Brayton and Susanna Earle. — For South Kingston Mercy Peckham and Thankful Collins. — For Providence Hepzibah Harris and Elizabeth Congdon, who being called are all present except Thankful Collins. —— We have received accounts with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 12th Queries from the several Monthly Meetings and a summary collected therefrom which is as follows Viz Summary. —

"It appears that all our Meetings have been attended except

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" are for worship which fell through on account of the Storm
& tho' there is an apparent slackness in some particu-
-larly in the attendance of midweek Meetings, the
hour generally observed. Sleepiness appears at times
in some of our Meetings on which account some
care has been extended, no other unbecoming behaviour
when met. - - -
3d A good degree of Love and Unity subsists amongst us
and detraction mostly guarded against, no differences
that we know of. - - - -
4th There appear to be a good degree of care on Friends
minds to deal with offenders in the manner queried
after, in order that judgement may be placed when
necessary agreeably to discipline."

We are informed by the accounts from Greenwich
Monthly Meeting that they have with the unity of the
Mens Meeting approved of the public appearances in the
Ministry of Wm Smith which has been considered and
accordingly united with in this Meeting and being laid before
the Mens Meeting meets their concurrence, Lydia Smith
is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting
thereof and report to next Quarter. —

South Kingston Monthly Meeting also sent up in
their accounts that they have approved of the public ap-
-pearances in the Ministry of Sarah Wilcox having
the unity of the Mens Meeting therein which subject
has been weightily considered in this Meeting and many
Friends expressed their Sympathy with the Friend and unity
with the recommendation, Yet it's thought it may be
safe to refer the matter to next Quarterly Meeting for
further consideration. —

This Meeting concludes and are to meet again
at Swanzey in the 5th mo if permitted

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
by Abigail Arnold Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Summerset for Rhode Island the 9th of 1st Mo. 1806

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Sarah Mott, Susanna Barker & Joanna Mitchell. — For Greenwich Anna Green, Sarah Green and Freelove Carriss. For Swanzey Sarah Bullington & Mary Howe. — For South Kingston Sarah Hoxie & Sarah Weeden, — For Providence Lydia Smith Hepzibah Harris and Abigail Arnold who being called are all present except Lydia Smith for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered

The recommendation from South Kingston Monthly Meeting which was referred to this Quarter has been again considered and being united with in this Meeting which was laid before the Mens Meeting and also meets their concurrence. — Freelove Harris is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof and report to next Quarterly Meeting. —

We have rec'd accounts with answers to the three Queries usually answered from all our Monthly Meetings except South Kingston which was left thro' mistake but the Representatives being able to recollect the substance of their answers have rendered a verbal account which is satisfactory. — Owing to the severity of a storm the representatives did not meet this morning to collect a summary from the answers. — Hepzibah Harris and Abigail Arnold are appointed to collect one and produce it to the next Quarterly Meeting. — Our esteemed friends Abel Thomas and Amos Lee attended this meeting whose company and Labours among us have been truly acceptable

We are informed by the accounts from Swanzey Monthly Meetings that they have with the Unity of the Mens Meeting appointed Sarah Bale to the station of an Elder which subject after being solidly considered and united with in this meeting was laid before the Mens Meeting and is also feeling united with by them, Hepzibah Harris is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment and report to next Quarter. — This Meeting concludes and are

are to meet again at Greenwich in the 4th month next if permitted. — —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
by Abigail Arnold Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 10th of 4th month 1806. —

The Friends appointed from the several Monthly Meetings to attend this are for Rhode Island Ruth Sisson, Hannah Dennis and Elizabeth Hunt, for Greenwich Ruth Green, Mary Matthewson and Lydia Reynolds. — For Swanzey Hannah Slade and Sarah Earle for South Kingston Sarah Collins and Mercy Peckham for Providence Sarah Deance, Elizabeth Congdon and Alice Hunt. Representatives being called are all present except Hannah Dennis, who, we are informed was prevented attending by sickness in her family. — Hepzibah Harris reports that she has informed the select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Sarah Earle to the Station of an Elder. — — — — We have rec^d accounts and answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging with general answers collected therefrom which being read and with a little alteration approved, are as follows Viz.

1^st^ All our Meetings for Religous Worship and Discipline have been kept up, but some particular Meetings have not been attended by Women, occasioned by severe storms, in general it appears that Meetings on first days are attended by most members, Midweek meetings more neglected on which account some care has been extended. The hour generally observed, not altogether clear of sleeping but it appears that labour has been bestowed where it appeared, necessary, clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met. —

2d. It appears that a good degree of Love and unity is maintained among Friends, and a general care to guard against detraction, mostly clear of differences, where they have arisen endeavours have been used to end them. ——

3rd. We believe most Friends are endeavouring to bring up those under their direction agreeably to what is pointed out in this Query and to be good examples themselves but all are not so attentive to the important duty & example or education as might be best — not all clear of reading unprofitable books, to those care has been extended — The Scriptures are frequently read in Friends familys. ——

4th. We believe Friends are mostly of the particulars named in this Query, where any breach of it has occurred care has been taken. —

5th. The circumstances of the poor appear to have been inspected and their necessities relieved, We dont know of any Friends children that are neglected as to learning of Business, nor any placed out of Society.

6th. — We think Friends are generally careful in the several particulars mentioned in this Query — there appears several instances of keeping company on account of Marriage out of Society wherein care has been extended. ——

7th. No breach of this Query has come to our knowledge

8th. We believe Friends are careful in these respects

9th. Our testimony against Slavery generally maintained

10th. Generally clear in each part of this Query, where there has been any grounds of Fear Labour has been bestowed. ——

11th. Not altogether clear in regard to records, some instances of Removals without certificates in which care is taken. —

12th. The care rests with Friends for the timely and regular dealing with Offenders, yet We think more early labour might sometimes be useful, Judgment has been placed where it appeared necessary agreeably to discipline. ——

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An account hath also been prepared and signed by the Clerk and is with the generale answers to be forwarded to the yearly Meeting by our representatives who are Mary Williams, Lydia Wickes, Freelove Harris, Sarah Wilbur Abigail Green and Abigail Arnold whom We appoint to attend the Yearly Meeting & make report to next Quarter. — Lydia Smith reports that she informed the select Quarterly Meeting that the public appearances in the Ministry of Ann Smith were approved, Freelove Harris also reports that she has given the same information respecting Sarah Wilbur. — We are informed by the accounts from South Kingston Monthly Meeting that they have with the unity of the Men friends appointed Lucy Anna Knowles to the Station of an Elder, which has been considered in this Meeting and united with and being laid before the Mens Meeting also meets their concurrence, — Anna Green is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof and report to our next Quarter. —

South Kingston also sent up in their accounts a proposition to have the Quarterly Meeting in the 1st removed from Swanzey to a more central place which proposal has been considered and united with in this meeting and laid before the Mens Meeting for their consideration. — The friends appointed have produced a Summary to the answers in the 1st Month which being approved is to be recorded. —

This Meeting concludes and are to meet again in the 8th Month at Portsmouth if permitted. —

Signed Abigail Arnold Clerk

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Summary for the 1st mo. 1806

It appears that our Meetings are kept up and some of them generally attended by the greater part of the members yet a slackness is apprehended in others particularly by the attendance of Midweek Meetings, one small Meeting not attended by Women occasioned by a storm the hour generally observed, not all clear of Sleep, some care extended, clear of other unbecoming behaviour. — A good degree of Love and Unity is maintained and a care to guard against detraction, generally clear as to differences where they have arisen endeavours have been used to end them. — A care also subsists among Friends that offenders may be dealt with without partiality, though there are some instances of delay of Judgement placed where it appeared necessary agreeably to Discipline. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 4th of 8th mo. 1805.

The Clerk being absent Mary Williams is appointed Clerk for the day. — The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings to attend this are for Rhode Island, Hephzybah Buffum, Mary Williams and Hannah Dennis, for East Greenwich Ruth Green, Sarah Green and Freelove Manis, for South Kingston, Sarah Wilbor and Hannah Collins, for Swansey Elizabeth Chase & Patience Buffington, for Providence Sarah Vose and Alice Almy, being called, are all present. We have received accounts and answers to the 1st, 2nd and 12th queries, from the several Monthly Meetings Meeds belonging from which a summary has been collected, and is as follows. — All our

Meetings for worship and discipline have been kept up except two; both of which occurred during the Yearly Meeting) and attended by the greater part of our members, the hour mostly observed, yet there is an apparent slackness in some, in regard to this important duty, on which labour has been bestowed. not altogether clear of sleeping, some instances of other unbecoming behaviour in one Monthly Meeting, in which care has been extended. Love and unity in a good degree maintained among us, detraction guarded against, where differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them. There is a care subsisting among friends, to deal with offenders, we trust in meekness, without partiality, but for not always so seasonable as would be best, in order that judgment might be placed agreable to discipline. We are informed that the friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as Representatives, attended agreable to appointment, except one who was prevented by indisposition in her family.

Extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting, and transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and New York have been read, containing many savory & seasonable counsel. Hannah Hodgman and Ruth Hadwin are appointed to take copies of them for the several Monthly Meetings, and the present clerk is directed to forward them respectively.

We are informed that the mens Meeting have united with Swansey Monthly Meeting in approving the publick appearances in the ministry of Daniel Brayton, which is also concurred with in this. —

The proposition from South Kingston monthly meeting respecting

an alteration in holding the Quarterly meeting, being again considered it is agreed, that in future they be held in the following order. at Swansey on the 11th mo. at Providence in the 2nd mo. at East Greenwich in the 5th mo. and at Portsmouth in the 8th mo. on the first 5th day in each month. the Clerk is therefore directed to furnish the monthly meetings with information of this conclusion. this meeting concludes, and is to meet again, if permitted in the 11th month at Swansey.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting by

Mary Williams
Clerk for this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Swansey for Rhode Island the 6th of 11th month 1806.

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are, for Rhode Island Sarah Mott, Elizabeth Hiney, Sarah Boulter & Hannah Dennis, for Greenwich, Ruebow Harris, Abigail Green and Mary Brown, for Swansey, Lydia Shove and Mary Shove, for South Kingston, Sarah Willbur and Sarah Collins. for Providence Dorcas Brown and Abigail Arnold, being called, are all present.

We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th queries from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging, with a summary collected therefrom, which is as follows. All our Meetings have been kept up except two for Worship, occasioned by stormy weather) and attended by the greater part of our members, tho' there appears a slackness in some in regard to midweek Meetings and for discipline. the hours generally observed. Clear of sleep, except in some instan-

-ces, which are under notice, clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met.— Love and unity measurably maintainted amongst us... yet we apprehend an increase thereof is requisite.— We think friends are careful to guard against detraction, and where differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them. It care rests with friends for a regular and timely dealing with offenders, in order that judgment may be passed when necessary, agreeably to discipline.

There was handed in from the mens meeting, and read in this, a General printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London, held in the 5th month 1806. containing many pertinent remarks, and seasonable counsil, which, we hope may tend to our edification.— The time being extired for which the clerk and assistant were appointed to serve this meeting— they are reappointed to said service the ensueing year.—

This meeting concludes, and are to meet again in the 2nd month at Providence, if permitted.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting by,

Abigail Arnold Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends, held at Providence, the 5th of the 2nd month, 1807.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are, for Rhode Island, Susanna Rankin, Hannah Dennis and Hannah Rodman, for Greenwich, Ruth Langford and Dorcas Batty, for [illegible]

Sweetsey, Eunice Brayton and Mary Earl, for South-Kingston, Sarah Hoxie and Mary Beckham jun., for Providence, Lydia Smith, Sarah Pierce and Mary Arnold. who being called, are all present. We have received accounts with answers to 3rd queries usually answered, from the several Monthly Meetings composing this, from which a summary hath been collected, and is as follows. All our Meetings for Worship and discipline have been kept up, except three small ones, which friends were prevented attending by reason of stormy weather, those on first days generally attended by the greater part of our members, midweek meetings and those for discipline, not so fully attended, on which account some labour has been bestowed. the hour observed. Mostly clear of sleeping, where instances have occurred, some care has been taken, generally clear of any other unbecoming behaviour when met. It appears that love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us, and that care is taken to guard against dissension, mostly clear of differences, where any have arisen care has been taken to end them. A general care rests on the minds of friends for the regular dealing with offenders with and impartiality, not without some delay, judgment

placed according to discipline.

We are informed that the mens meeting have united with Swansey monthly meeting in the appointment of David Earl to the station of an Elder, which also meets the approbation of this meeting—

This meeting concludes, and are to meet again at East Greenwich in the 5th month, if permitted.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting by—

Abigail Arnold, Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at East Greenwich the 15th of the 5th month 1804—

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Sarah Tourtellot, Elizabeth Thurston, Hannah Dennis and Sarah Fish, for East Greenwich Abigail Green, Deborah Green and Joanna Brown, for Swansey Susanna Earl and Mary Earl, for Southkingston Sarah Watson and Lucyanna Hammons, for Providence Hopestill Harris and Sarah Peirce who being called, are all present. We have received accounts with answers to the queries from the several Monthly Meetings composing this, from which general answers have been collected, and are to be forwarded with some account to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Susanna Hunter, Emma Green, Sarah Fish, Lydia Hicks and Elizabeth Thurston, whom we appoint to attend the Yearly Meeting, and report next Quarter. We are informed from the Mens meeting that they have united with Southkingston Monthly Meet-

-ing in approving the publick appearances in the Ministry of Peter Hoxie, which also meets the approbation of this Meeting. This Meeting concludes and is to meet again, if permitted, on the 8th mo. at Portsmouth—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting by

Abigail Arnold Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island, the 6th of the 8th mo. 1817.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island, Elizabeth Mumford, Alice Tilley and Hanna Dennis, for East Greenwich, Sarah Weeks, Sarah Gorton and Freelove Harris, for Swansey, Mary Earl and Sarah Earl, for Scituate Kingston Deborah Congdon and Mary Watson Benjamin for Providence Mary Arnold and Abigail Arnold, who being called, are all present.

We have received Accounts with answers to the 3 queries, usually answered, from all the Monthly meetings, composing this Quarter from which a Summary has been collected, and is as follows.—

Meetings for Worship and discipline are kept up, except one small meeting for Worship, not attended, occasioned by rainy weather. Some meetings are attended by the greater part of its members, with a deficiency in the due attendance there is too apparent in others, especially on week days, and meetings for discipline, on which account some labour has been bestowed. The hour observed, most friends preserved from sleeping, where it hath been otherwise, some care taken.

It appears that Love and Unity is in a good degree maintained among friends, and

Detraction mostly guarded against. Where differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them and friends are mostly careful to deal with offenders in a spirit of meekness, and with impartiality, yet we fear not at all times so seasonably as would be best, and judgment placed according to discipline.

This meeting is informed that the friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, all attended agreeable to appointment.

Transcripts of the Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Women friends in London, Philadelphia and New York have been read in this meeting to our satisfaction, and we hope the many weighty remarks therein, may tend to our edification.

Our esteemed friend Anna Smith feelingly opened in this Meeting, a concern that had for some time attended her mind to pay a religious visit to friends at Richmond in New-Hampshire, Hudson, the Nine partners and some parts adjacent in the state of New York. And produced a certificate of concurrence from the Monthly Meeting of East Greenwich, of which she is a member: this meeting having solidly considered the subject, and feeling a sympathy with her in said concern, unite with the Monthly Meeting in setting her at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way. And a few lines expressive thereof has been prepared, and indorsed on her certificate.

This Meeting concludes to meet again at Swanzey in the 11th mo. if permitted. Signed on behalf of the meeting by Abigail Arnold. Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey for Rhode Island, the 6th of the 11th month 1804.

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are, for Rhode Island, Abigail Robinson, Sarah Fish and Ruth Evans, for Greenwich Deborah Green and Ruth Langford. for Swansey Sarah Winslow and Lydia Howe. of Smithfield Mercy Peckham, Mary Collins and Sarah Collins for Providence, Sarah Rice and Phebe Brown. who being called, are all present. We have received accounts with answers to the several queries, from all the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter from which a Summary hath been collected that is as follows.—

All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are kept up, and mostly attended on first days by the greater part of the members, although there are some, who are much in the neglect of this important duty, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings, on whom some labour has been bestowed.

The hours is generally observed. A few instances of sleeping, on which account some care has been taken; clear of other unbecoming behaviour observed. Love and Unity measurably main-

tained among friends, and generally cau-
-tious to guard against detraction, and to end
differences. The care rests with friends
for the right dealing with offenders with-
-out partiality, yet there are some instan-
-ces of delay: and judgment placed agre-
-ably to discipline.

There was presented
to this Meeting a Manuscript Epis-
-tle, accompanied with a printed commu-
-nication, containing some weighty
thoughts on the qualification and
worth of an Elder in the Church of
Christ from our much esteemed friend
Mary Mitchell, which have been read
to our satisfaction, and copies thereof
handed to the Representatives for the seve-
-ral Monthly Meetings. A general
printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting
in London in the year 1806 was also
received and read to our satisfaction.

This meeting is informed that the
time is expired for which the Clerk and
assistants were appointed, the appointm-
-ment of some friends for that service
is referred to the next Quarterly Meet.

This Meeting concludes, and is to meet
again in the 2nd month at Providence,
if permitted.

Signed by

Abigail Arnold.
Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Providence for Rhode Island the 4th of 2mo 1812.

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings to attend this one, for Rhode Island Hannah Dennis and Ruth Williams. for Greenwich Deborah Green and Sarah Green. for Swansey, Sarah Winslow jun! and Sarah East. for Southkingston. Sarah Witbin, Sarah Collins and Bathsheba Hinyon. for Providence, Mary Anthony and Mary Tourtd. being called, are all present.

We have received accounts and answers to the 1st, 2nd and 12th queries, from the several Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter, from which the following summary has been collected.

It appears that several particular and preparative Meeting have not been attended by Women, being prevented by Stormy weather, those on first days generally attended by the greater part of the members: Midweek meetings and those for discipline not so fully attended, on which account labour has been bestowed. The have observed a Worthy decency of steps, not quite clear of drowsiness. Some are taken mostly clear of either unbecoming behaviour, when met.

A good degree of Love and Unity is maintained in each meeting, and a general care to guard against detraction; when it hath appeared some care has been taken to end them. There appears to be a care in each Meeting, as the Discipline and Rules dealing with offenders, in order that judgment may be placed agreeably to discipline.

Our friend Ann Smith, having returned from her religious visit to friends in some parts of the states of New Hampshire and New York, attended this meeting, and feelingly laid before it some account of her services and support therein, which hath been to our satisfaction. Our friend Freelove Harris also informs that she accompanied her through most of said services.

The subject of choosing a clerk and assistant, being opened in this meeting. Abigail Arnold and Sarah Earl are appointed to set service the ensueing year. This meeting concludes, and is to meet again in the 5th month at Greenwich, if permitted.

Signed by-

Abigail Arnold, Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends, held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island, the 5th of the 5th month, 1808.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are, for Rhode Island, Elizabeth Thurston, Sarah Wish and Elizabeth Hoag. for Greenwich Deborah Green, Sarah Northrop and Mary Cooke. for Swansey, Elizabeth Chace, Elizabeth Earl and Susanna Earl. for Southkingston, Mary Peckham jun. and Hannah Collins. for Providence, Sarah Pierce and Abigail Arnold. who being called, are all present, except Elizabeth Chace we are

informed, she was was prevented attending, by sick-
-ness in her family.

We have received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings, comprising this Quarter, from which the following answers have been collected, and are to be forwarded with some account to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Sibyl Reynolds, Sarah Rish, Dorcas Brown and Sarah Earl, whom we appoint Representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting, and report to next quarter.

This Meeting concludes, and is to meet again in the 8th month at Portsmouth, if permitted.

Abigail Arnold. Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island, the 4th of 8th month 1808.

The Representatives from the several Monthly meetings are for Rhode Island Hepzi-
-bah Buffum, Mary Williams, Lidia Anthony & Sarah Hunter. for Greenwich Mary Coote & Sarah Green. for Swansey, Elizabeth Chase and Sybil Chase. for Southkingston Dor-
-cas Perkham & Dinah Collins, for Dartmouth Lydia Smith, Hepsibah Harris and Dorcas Brown. Representatives being called are all

present, except Lydia Smith. The Clerk being absent, Mary Williams is appointed for the day.

We have received accounts and answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 4th queries from all our Monthly Meetings, composing this Quarter, from which the following summary is collected. The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended, except one, who rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence. An endorsement from the Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Stamford State of New York, dated the 11th of 11th mo. 1807, expressive of their unity with our friends Wm. Smith & Freelove Harris in their religious labours within the verge of that Quarterly meeting, has been received, and acceptably read, also one on behalf of each of them from the Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Nine Partners the 10th of 2nd mo 1808. importing the same satisfactory account of their religious engagements. Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & New York, have been read to our satisfaction and encouragement. Dorcas Brown is requested to transcribe them, and send copies thereof to each of our Monthly Meetings.

This Meeting concludes, and purposes to meet again at Swanzey in the 11th mo 12 if permitted. Signed on behalf of the meeting by ——— Mary Williams. Clerk for the day.

Summary — 8th month. 1808.

1st All our meetings for Religious Worship and discipline have been kept up, except one, occasioned by a storm, & generally attended by the greater part of our members — excepting midweek meetings & those for Discipline not so duly attended as could be[cause] our profession — we have well observed instances of sleeping appear in the answers from two meetings — wherein care is attended — others not exempt from drowsiness — clean of other inbecoming behaviour.

2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained among us, detraction guarded against by most friends, where differences have arisen, it appears care has been taken to end them. except in one instance.

12th It appears that care is taken to deal with offenders, agreable to the intent of this query.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Swansey for Rhode Island the 3rd of the 11th month 1808.

The Representatives from the several monthly meetings are for Rhode-Island Susanna Hicks, Sarah Fish and Lydia Weeden

for Greenwich Cybil Reynolds, Ann Smith & Dorcas Batty, for Swansey, Sarah Chace and Martha Buffington. South Kingston - Lydia Wilbur & Sarah Wilbur for Providence - Dorcas Brown & Abigail Arnold, who being called, are all present except Dorcas Batty.

We have received accounts with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 12th queries, from each monthly Meeting, composing this quarter, from which the following summary is collected -

All our Meetings for Worship & discipline are kept up, & mostly attended by the greater part of our members, except two, not attended by reason of a storm, altho' it is expressed in one answer that slackness is apparent in some of their Members, & some care is extended, the hour generally observed, none who give away to sleeping, tho' drowsiness appears in some at times, of other unbecoming behaviour clear when met.

Love and Unity in a good degree maintained amongst us, most friends careful to guard against detraction, when differences have arisen, care has been taken. Care is taken to deal with offenders as queried after, and judgment placed where it appeared necessary agreeably to discipline.

There was handed in from the Men's meeting a general printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London 5th mo. 1868. containing much weighty counsel, which has been read to the satisfaction, and encouragement of many minds, and we hope may tend to the edification of all. The Friends appointed at this last quarter to procure copies of the Epistles to each monthly meeting, report that she attended to the appointment.

This Meeting concludes, and is to meet again in the 2nd mo. at Providence, if permitted.

Signed Abigail Arnold Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence for Rhode Island the 2nd of the 2nd mo. 1869.

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are, for Rhode-Island Susanna Freeborne, Hannah Mary and Sarah Earl Swansey, Isabel Earl and Sarah Earl Greenwich Abigail Green and Mary Matteson South Kingston Mary Nicols and Sarah Within Providence Lydia Smith, Sarah Holden and Rememberance Anthony, who being called are all present, except two, for whose absence, satisfactory rea-

-sions were presented.

Accounts with answers to the 1st. 2nd. & 12th. Queries have been received from all the Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary is collected.

Meetings for Worship and discipline have been kept up, since our last accounts, except some small meetings not attended, occasioned by sickness & stormy weather. A sorrowful remissness appears in the attendance of midweek meetings, and those for Discipline, on which account labour hath been bestowed, the Truth observed, clear of sleeping, or any other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

It appears that Love and Unity are in a good degree measure preserved amongst us, and a care to end differences.

Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably, as enquired after, and judgment placed agreeably to discipline.

The Representative who did not attend our last Quarter, render'd an acceptable reason for her absence.

We are informed from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, that they have approved of the publick appearances in the

ministry of Susanna Barker, Hannah Dennis and Sarah Fish, which recommendations have been seperately considered in this Meeting, and are with the concurrence of the mens quarterly meeting, united with. Freelove Harriss and Lydia Wickes are appointed to inform the Select, 9th. meeting thereof, and report to next quarter. Our friend Lydia Arnold, from Hartford, monthly meeting, has been very acceptably with us, at this time.

The appointment of a clerk for this meeting, is referred to next quarter, Meeting.

This Meeting concludes, & proposes to meet again at Greenwich, in the 5th. mo. if permitted.

Signed on behalf of the meeting by,

Abigail Arnold. Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends, held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 4th of 5th. month, 1809.

The representatives from the several monthly meetings, are for Rhode Island Mary Wilbur, Sarah Fish, and Abigail Shearman, for Greenwich, Deborah Green and Dorcas Battey, for Swansey Elizabeth

Chace & Elizabeth Earl for Smithfield
Lucy Anna Arnold & Mary Peckham
for Providence — Alice — Mary & Elizabeth Cony
dow, who being called are all present.

We have received accounts with ans-
wers to the queries from the several
Monthly Meetings composing this
Quarter, from which the following
general answers are collected, and are to
be forwarded, with some account, to the
Yearly Meeting by our friends Deb-
orah Green, Lydia Smith, Sarah Wil-
bur, Sarah Foster and Sarah Earl,
whom we appoint representatives to at-
end the Yearly Meeting, and report to
our next Quarter.

The friends appointed at
our last Quarterly meeting, in case of the
recommendations from Uxbridge & Stand
Monthly Meeting, report that they have
informed the Select Quarterly meeting
thereof, agreeable to appointment.
Abigail Arnold and Sarah Earl are re-
appointed to the service of clerk & assis-
tant for the ensuing year.

This Meeting
concludes, and proposes to meet again at
Portsmouth in the 8th month if permitted.
Signed on behalf of the meeting by
Abigail Arnold Clk

Generall Answers, for 5th month 1809.

Answ. 1st

Our Meetings for Worship and discipline have been kept up, except in some few instances, wherein they have not been attended by women, on account of stormy weather, and difficulty of travelling, yet there is an apparent slackness in some of our members, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings, and those for discipline On which account some labour has been bestowed, the same generally observed, mostly clear of slothfulness, clear of other unbecoming behaviour wherein noted.

Answ. 2nd. It appears that love and unity are in a good degree maintain'd amongst us, and detraction prevented measurably guarded against, mostly clear of differences, where they have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

Ans. 3rd. We believe Ministers are carefull to educate those under their direction in plainness as queried after, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and the unprofitable conversations of the world. As it is to regard to the manner, we are apprehensive that a want of due concern in those respects, has been the means of exposing some of our youth to dangers and disadvantages, which have involved them in difficulty, and brought trouble on society. many friends are concern-

plany themselves in the particulars mentioned
in this query, the Holy Scriptures are frequent-
ly read in friends families.

Ansr 4th We fear not altogether clear of the
too frequent use of spirituous liquors, on
which account care has been extended. we
know not but clear in the other part this query.

Ansr. 5th It appears that the circumstances of
the poor are inspected, and their necessities
measurably relieved, their children partake
of learning, more placed out from among
friends. that we know of

Ansr. 6th We believe most friends discountenance
those under their care from accompanying
in accounts of Marriage without their consents
and are concerned to discountenance disorderly
Marriages, but it appears that some are too re-
miss in those respects, two instances of keeping
company out of society, and one of marrying
wherein care has been taken.

Ansr 7th Clear as far appears.

Ansr 8th

Friends are mostly careful to observe the
contents of this query.

Ansr. 9th

We think friends are careful to main-
tain our testimony against Slavery.

Answ. 10th — No breach of this query has come to our knowledge.

Answ. 11th. Not quite clear as to records, clear as to certificates, except in three instances, where-in care has been taken.

Answ. 12th — A care rests on the minds of Friends, for the timely and regular dealing with offenders, and judgment hath been poured upon all to discipline. ——

——At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 3rd of the 8th month. 1809.

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings, are for Rhode Island — Mary Williams, Elizabeth Hosier and Ann Wanton, for Greenwich Ruth Langford & Lydia Reynolds, for Swansey Elizabeth Chace and Charity Buffington, for Southkingston, Mary Peckham and Lucy Anna Hammond, for Providence, Remember Anthony, Hepzibah Harris & Abigail Arnold, who being called, are all present, except Ruth Langford, who sent an acceptable reason for her absence.—

We have received Accounts with answers to the three queries usually answered, from the several monthly meetings hereto belong

ing, from which the following the following Summary hath been collected—

It appears that meetings for worship & discipline have been kept up, except in two instances, when women were prevented attending by stormy weather,— and mostly attended on first day mornings by the greater part of friends— and the order been observed— but the same is apparent with respect to afternoon & midweek meetings and those for discipline, somewhat owing that the great importance of this duty is not duly considered by many of our members, on which account, some care has been extended— divers instances of drowsiness & sleeping have been noticed, and caution bestowed— clear of other unbecoming—

It pretty good degree of love and unity subsists among friends. & care to guard against detraction— generally clear as to differences, where they have appeared arisen, care has been taken to end them. A concern continues with friends for the timely and regular dealing with offenders, and judgment hath been placed where it

hath appeared necessary, agreeably to Dis-
-cipline.

The friends appointed at our last
quarter to attend the Yearly meeting report
that they attended agreeably to appointment, &
had in charge some extracts to from the min-
-utes of the yearly meeting, which have been
presented and read, and in hope the counsell
and weighty remarks therein, may tend to our
edification. - Transcripts of the Epistles from
Philadelphia & New York have also been re-
-ceived, and read in this Meeting, to the satisfac
-tion and encouragement of many minds.

Ruth Rodman, Susan Ann Barker and
Abigail Sherman are requested to prepare tran
-scripts thereof for the several monthly meetings
Our Men friends laid before this meeting a con
-cern that had arisen in their meeting on
hearing the many sorrowful departures from
the simplicity of truth, and particularly the
want of Love & unity expressed in the answers,
which had induced them to appoint a commit
-tee to visit the monthly meetings and individ-
-uals as may appear - the concern having migh
-ily spread in this meeting we feelingly unite
in the appointment, and select Abigail Robinson
Susannah Barker, Susannah Fyeatman,
Rebekah Harris, Hannah Dennis, Sar-

-ath Fish, Anna Smith, Mary Williams, Lydia Smith & Abigail Arnold for that service—

The company and gospel labours of our beloved friends Esther Griffin & Hannah Field from Purchase monthly meeting, state of New York, having been truly acceptable and edifying to us at this time, a few lines of profession thereof is indorsed on their certificate.

This meeting concludes, and proposes to meet again at Swansey in the 11th m. if permitted.

Signed on behalf of the meeting by ——— Abigail Arnold Clerk.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey for Rhode Island, the 2nd of 11th month, 1809.

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island, Abigail Sherman, Joanna Mitchell and Sarah Fowler, for Greenwich Avis Smith and Sarah Green, for Somerset Sarah Chase, Sarah Winsor jun. and Rachel Lincoln, for Southkingston Sarah Williams & Dinah

Pelham, for Providence Quarterly Meeting & Mary Ailsworth, all present. We have received accounts from the several monthly meetings, with answers to the three queries usually answered, from which the following Summary is collected.

All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been kept up, except one small meeting not attended by reason of stormy weather, those on first day mornings attended by the greater part of the members. Afternoon & midweek meetings too much neglected by a number, on whom labour has been bestowed. We have observed, no instances of giving up to sleep — some tried with drowsiness, others of wandering — Love and unity in a good degree maintained, & detraction mostly guarded against, when differences have arisen, suitable means have been used to end them.

Some care taken to deal with offenders in the manner directed after — and judgment placed agreeably to discipline.

Swansey monthly Meeting informed that they had appointed Elizabeth Chase & Mary Earle to the station of Elders, with which this meeting unites, having also the concurrence of this men's meeting therein. Freelove Harris & Lydia Wilbur are appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof, and make report to next meeting.

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly meeting to visit the monthly Meetings, having accomplished the service, made the following satisfactory report —

" " The Monthly Meetings committee appointed to visit the several monthly meetings &c have been attended to their appointments, and all the Monthly Meetings have been attended by the greater part of our friends, and all but one, by most of the women friends, and we have to report, that our believe our visit has been generally satisfactory to most friends, as well as to ourselves, and notwithstanding we have had to labour in some openness and plainness we have reason to hope usefulness may arise — Signed in behalf of the Committee

Sylvester Wickes.
Thos Smith.

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They also presented an Epistle written by a concerned sister of the committee, which has been read to our edification. (and the clerk is directed to transmit copies

-ies of the same to each monthly meeting, be-
longing to this Quarter.——

Our friend Martha
Davis attended this meeting, and presented us
the copies of a Minute from New Bedford
Monthly meeting, whose concurrence has been
acceptable to us——

This meeting adjourns, and
proposes to meet again at Providence, in the
2nd month if permitted—— Signed on behalf
of the meeting by

Mary Williams Clerk for the day

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Providence for Rhode Island the first of
the 2nd month 1816.

The Representatives from the several
al Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Sarah
Mott & Abigail Shannan. for Greenwich Mary
Spencer, Joanna Brown & Sarah Green. for
Swansey Portsmouth Maxwell & Elizabeth Slade.
for Smithkingston Sarah Wilbur, Mary
Dorrance & Sarah Hopkins. for Providence Women
Ann Anthony & Abigail Arnold, who being called
are all present except two, for whose absence, we

-ceptable reasons are rendered. The Friends appointed to inform the select & Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Elizabeth Chase & Mary Earl to the station of Elders report that they have attended to said appointment.

We have received from the several Monthly Meetings, accounts with answers to the three Queries usually omitted from which the following summary is collected—

Our Meetings for Religious worship and Discipline are kept up, except two small meetings not attended by Women Friends, occasioned by stormy weather, those on first days, mostly attended by the greater part of our Members. Midweek Meetings and those for discipline not so generally attended, some care taken. The hour mostly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, some care hath been extended. Clear of other unbecoming beha-

-vision wherein needs.

Love & Unity unreasonably maintained & detraction mostly guarded against. where differences have arisen, care hath been taken to end them. a care remains for the timely and regular dealing with offenders, altho' a fear is expressed that in some instances there is too much delay - judgment hath been placed where it hath appeared necessary, agreeably to Discipline.

Our friend Ann Smith, feelingly opened in this meeting a concern that hath for some time attended her mind to pay a religious visit to friends in the southern part of the state of New York, and the other states as far South as Maryland. and produced a certificate from the monthly meeting of East Greenwich, of which she is a member, expressive of their unity & sympathy with her therein: the subject having been weightily considered in this meeting a few lines expressive of the unity thereof is prepared and signed by the clerk of this and the men's meeting, to be endorsed on her certificate. Our friend Sarah Fish, likewise very feelingly laid before this this Meeting her

prospect of accompanying the above named friend in her Religious visit, and produced a certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity & sympathy with her therein, which hath also had the solid consideration and concurrence of this meeting. a similar indorsement is to be entered on her certificate.

This meeting concludes, and proposes to meet again in the 5th mo. at East Greenwich, if permitted.

Signed on behalf of the meeting by

Abigail Arnold Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at East-Greenwich for Rhode Island 3 of 5 Mo. 1810.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meeting are for Rhode Island. Hannah. Almy, Elizabeth Thurston and Ruth Weaver. for Greenwich Dorcas Battey Deborah Greene and Mary Spencer. for Swansey. Charity Buffington and Eunice Brayton, for South Kingston Martha Hazzard and Sarah Wilbor for Providence Alice Almy & Dorcas Brown, who being called are all present.

We have received from the several Monthly Meetings answers to the Queries from which General answers are collected and are to be forwarded with

Some account to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives Susann Freeborn, Hephzibah Harris, Mary Spencer, & Dorcas Brown; who are appointed to attend said Yearly Meeting and make report to next meeting.

We are informed from the mens Meeting, that Swansey Monthly Meeting sent up a proposal for altering the time holding their Monthly Meeting from the ~~last~~ first second day to last second day in each Month, Which proposition has the concurrance of this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish Swansey Monthly Meeting with a copy of the above minute.

There was read in this Meeting to our satisfaction and we hope it may tend to Edification, a general printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London in 1809. The time being expired for which the Clerkes were appointed to serve this Meeting they are appointed to said service the ensueing Year. This Meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 8th Mo at Portsmouth if permitted.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Abigail Arnold Clerk

General Answers for the 5th Mo

Ans 1st It appears that all our Meeting for Religious Worship and Discipline are attended by a considerable number, except two instances in storming weather. where Women did not attend, those on first days mornings attended by the greater part of Friends midweek meeting and those for Discipline more neglected, on which account some labour has been bestowed, the hour pretty well observed some instances of sleeping has occured and care has been extended, mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled for divine Worship.

Ans 2d Love and unity in a good degree maintained among friends, detraction generally Guarded against, when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them,

Ans 3d We believe many friends are engaged to bring up those under their direction, in the manner queried after and to be exemplary themselves, while others are painfully deficient in those respects. The holy scriptures are read in friends families, yet we feare not so frequently in all as would be best.—

Ans 4th A fear is expressed in two instances of the too frequent use of Spirituous liquors which has engaged the attention of friends, generally clear in the other part of the query where any deviation has occured care has been extended

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities measurably relieved their Children partake of learning none placed out from among friends that we know of. —

Ans 6th It appears that most parents and heads of families are careful to observe what is contained in this query, the Young and unmarried not so careful, several instances of keeping company on account of Marriage contrary to Discipline which are under notice,

Ans 7th. No breach of this query appears

Ans 8— Most friends are careful in each part of this query in one instance a fear is expressed of a deviation in some.

Ans 9. Not altogether clear in regard to records and certificates care is taken,

Ans 10, A pretty general care appears to subsist among friends for the timely and regular dealing with offenders as the query requires and judgment hath been placed where it hath appeared necessary agreeably to discipline,

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island 8mo 2 1810. The representatives from the several monthly meetings, for Rhode Island, Mary Williams, Anthony & Anna Weeden, for Greenwich Elizabeth Green, and Sarah Green, for Swansey Patience Buffinton, Elizabeth Chase and Susanna Chace, for South-Kingston Mary Nichols and Lucy Anna Knowles. for Providence Hepzibah Harris and Alice Almy; who being called are all present except two, for whose absence suitable reasons are rendered, The friends appointed at our last quarter report that they all attended the Yearly Meeting, agreable to appointment and presented transcripts of the Epistles from London, Philadelphia and York, which have been read to our satisfaction, Transcripts are prepared and forwarded to the several monthly meetings, and it was feelingly recommended that suitable friends be appointed in each. Monthly Meeting to read them to such friends as are not able to attend meetings, and the representatives are requested to inform their respective Monthly Meetings of s^d Recommendation. We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2d & 10 Queries from the several monthly Meetings of said recommendation composing their Quarters, The mens meeting informs that they unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the selection of Thomas Rowland to the Station of an elder, the subject hath also been considered and united with in that Meeting. This Meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 11 Month at Swansey if permitted

Signed Abigail Arnold, Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Samuset ja Rhode-Island 1st of 11th Mo 1810.

The representatives from the several monthly are ja Rhode Island, Susanna Freeborn, Abagail Sherman, and Susanna Hicks, ja Greenwich. Ruth Sanford, and Joanna Brown, ja Swansey. Susanna Earl and Sabrina Shove, ja South Kingston Sarah Wilbor and Mercy Dockray, ja Providence Nephibah Harris and Mary Lapham.

Who being called are all present. Accounts with answers to the 1st. 2d and 10th Queries from the several monthly meetings composing this Quarter have been received, and read in this meeting. Our beloved friend Mary Barker attended this meeting and produced a Certificate from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting held 9 Mo 27 1810, her company and gospel Labours have been truly acceptable and edifying to us a few lines expressive thereof have been prepared on, are to be indorsed on said Certificate which the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting.

This meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 2d Mo at Providence if permitted

Signed Abigail Arnold. Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Providence ja Rhode Island 2d Mo. 6 1811.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are from Rhode-Island, Susanna Freeborn and Sarah Fish ja Greenwich Sarah Greene and Deborah Greene, ja Swansey. Content Macomber and Hannah Earl, ja Southkingston Sarah Collins ja and Lydia Ringon, ja Providence Mice Almy and Abigail Arnold who being called are present three who we are informed were prevented by Indisposition and difficulty of traveling.

We have received accounts with answers to the 3 Queries usually answered from the several Monthly Meetings comprising this Quarter which have been read in this meeting. We conclude and propose to meet again in the 5th Month at Greenwich if permitted

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Abigail Arnold. Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 2d of the 5. Mo. 1811.

The representatives from the several Monthly are for Rhode Island. Hannah Gould for Abigail Sherman and Hannah Dennis, for Greenwich Freelove Harris and Sarah Northup, for Swansey Eunice Brayton, and Sarah Earl, for South Kingston Sarah Wilbour and Martha Hazard. for Providence Lydia Smith and Mary Anthony for who being called are all present. We have received accounts with Answers to the queries from the several Monthly meetings from which General Answers have been collected and are with some accounts to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Dorcas Brown. Sarah Earl. Martha Hazard. Elizabeth Thurston. and Hepzibath Harris. who we appoint to attend said meeting and report to our next meeting

Our Esteemed friend Ann Smith and Sarah Fish attended this meeting, and feeling by them before it a satisfactory account of their late Religious Visit to friends within some of the Southern and western Yearly Meetings the latter as far as her feeble state of health would admit of her going and both produced indorsments expressive of the unity of friends from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in N York in the 5th Mo. 1810. Also a copy of a minute from the Western Quarterly meeting of friends in

in Chester County, Pennsylvania in the 8th month 1810, and an Indorsment for Ann Smith from the Yearly Meeting in Baltimore in the 10th month 1810. all of which have been read in this Meeting — The mens Meeting informs that they have united with Rhode Island Meeting in the selection of Obadiah Williams and Benjamin Hill to the Station of Elders, which is also united with in this Meeting. A Testimony from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting setting forth the pious Life, religious labours, and peaceful close of our late Worthy friend Mary Mitchel was read and feelingly united with in this and the mens Meeting and is to be sent up to the Yearly Meeting for their disposal — The time being expired for which the Clerk & assistant were appointed, they are reappointed to serve the ensuing year — This Meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 8th month at Portsmouth if permitted

Signed

At a Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 1st of 8mo 1811

The representatives from the several Monthly meetings are for Rhode Island Mary Williams, Anna Wedon, and Elizabeth Thurston, for Greenwich Deborah Green, Lydia Hicks, and Mary Spencer, for Swanzey Charity Buffinton, and Mary East, for South Kingston Martha Reynolds, and Lucas Pickham, for Providence Sarah Anthony, and Alice Almy, who being called

are all present — We have received accounts with answers to the Queries from all the monthly meetings constituting this quarter, which have been read in this meeting. The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report, they all attended agreeable to appointment except one who was prevented by sickness in his family, they had in charge and presented to the Meeting transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and New-York with some extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting which have been read in this to satisfaction. Abagail Sherman Sarah Scott and Ruth Rodman are appointed to prepare Copys thereof and forward to the Several Monthly meetings. Our beloved friend Nathan Hunt attended this meeting, his company & ministry and gospel labours have been very acceptable to us. This meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 11th Month at Swansey if permitted

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Abagail Arnold Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Somerset for Rhode Island the 5th of 11 Mo 1811 The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are — for Rhode-Island Hannah Almy and Hail Lawton for Greenwich Mary Cook Ruth Green and Sarah Green for Swansey Susanna Chase and Mary Slocum for South-Kingston Sarah Collins Jun and Mary Lockwood for Providence Sarah Anthony and Dorcas Brown all present except one who was prevented by sickness in her family — We have received Accounts with answers to the Queries from the Several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter which with the Queries have been read in

in this Meeting. — We are informed from the mens meeting that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting have approved of the publick appearance in the Ministry of Robert Alny with which the mens quarterly meeting unite, the subject was also fully considered and concurred with in this Meeting. This meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 2nd mo at Providence if permitted.

At a Quarterly meeting held at Providence for Rhode Island the 5th of 2d Mo 1812

The representatives from the several monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Sarah East and Hannah Swanson for Greenwich Anna Anthony and Sarah Green for Swanzey Mary East Sarah Buffington and Elizabeth Slade for Smith Kingston Lydia Tobias and Lenah Tobias, for Providence Alice Almy and Abigail Arnold who are all present We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries from the several monthly meetings constituting this Quarter which have been read in this meeting. Our beloved friend Betsey Purinton attended this meeting and produced a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting 1 mo 9th 1812 Expressive of their unity with her as a Minister and with her prospect of visiting this and some other Meetings in the neighborhood, her company & services have been very acceptable to us. This meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 5th mo at Greenwich if permitted

At a Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Greenwich for Rhode-Island the 7th of 5th mo 1812

The representations from the several monthly meetings are for Providence Hannah Almy & Abagail Sherman for Greenwich Mary Thomas, Sybil Tompkins & Anna Brown for Swanzey Susanna East & Alice Slade, for Smithfield Kingston Suzanna Knowles and Lovera Sheldon for Providence Abagail Green and Ann Almy all present except one who sent a satisfactory reason for her absence We have received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly meetings which have been read in this meeting and general answers signed therefrom which are with some account to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Ann Smith Sarah Fowler Abagail Sherman & Sarah Green who are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting and report to next Quarter. — Our esteemed friend Rowland Green feelingly laid before this meeting a concern that has for some time attended his mind to make a religious visit to several parts in some parts of the Yearly Meeting of Maryland particularly Ohio

attend

am on his way to the Yearly meet[g] at Newyork, and pro-
duced a Certificate of the unity and sympathy of friends at Green-
wich Monthly Meeting to ours. this meeting have also feelingly
expressed their sympathy with him in his prospect. A few
lines expressive thereof are prepared to be inclosed up to
certificate to be signed by the clerk of this and the mens
meeting. We are informed from the mens meeting that they
have united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in approving the
publick appearances in the ministry of other Friends which
this Meeting concerns with — & a general united Epistle from
the Yearly Meeting in London has been read in this meeting
and left to our edification. — The time being expired for which
the clerk was appointed to serve this meeting he is requested
to continue the ensuing year. this meeting concurs in the
Judgment in the Preparative meeting. Signed

Abagail Arnold Clerk

General Answers

1st All our Meetings for religious worship & discipline have been kept up
and duly attended by most of our Members (except in some few instances
during the severity of a snow storm, and difficulty of traveling that
were not attended to) yet there is an apparent deficiency
in some meetings in this important duty, the house pretty
well observed, mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour
when assembled.

2nd A good degree of love and unity is maintained
amongst us and detraction measurably guarded against
generally clear of differences, where they have arisen
endeavours have been used to end them. —

3rd There is an engagement among friends to educate
those under their care agreeable to the requirings
of this Query, endeavouring to be exemplary themselves
yet we fear there are some that are too negligent
both in example and precept. The Holy Scriptures are
frequently read in most friends families.

4th Friends are generally careful in regard to spirituous
Liquors frequenting of taverns and places of publick resort
unnecessarily, and to keep in true moderation as queried after,
where there has been a fault in either of these accounts some
care has been taken.

5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected
and they relieved. we know not but clear in the other
part of the Query.

6th Not clear in regard to proceedings relative to mar-
riage, several instances of keeping company & one of marriage out of society
wherein some care has been extended. —

7th Clear as far as appears. —

8th We believe Friends are mostly clear in each particular of this Query
but fear there is a deficiency in some. —

9th Not Clear as to Records, & in several instances as to Certificates
which were under friends care. —

10th A good degree of care is manifested for the regular dealings with offenders, without partiality, but we fear it is not on all occasions without too much delay, And judgment is placed where it appear necessary according to discipline.——

At a quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 6 of 8th mo 1812

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Susanna Fenton and Mary Williams for Greenwich Anna Anthony Ruth Green & Sarna Brown for Swansey Content Maxwell Salina Thurs & Charity Ruggles ton, for Providence Content Russell Sarah Stanton and Mary Aldworth for Kingston Mary A Robinson and Mary Rockay all present the clerks both being absent. Mary Williams is appointed to serve as Clerk & Abagail Thurman assistant

We have received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this quarter with answers to the 9th & 10th queries which have been read in this meeting. Information was communicated from Kingston monthly meeting that they had appointed Sarah Rodgers to the station of an Elder with which this meeting Unites

Our Esteemed Fd Anna Green & Hannah Dennis in a weighty manner disclosed to this Meeting their prospects of paying a Religious visit to friends in the State of New York and presented certificates from the Monthly meeting of R Island expressive of their unity & Sympathy with them in their engagement which meets their approbation & concurrence of this meeting And endorcements expressive thereof are prepared & signed by the clerks of both meetings. Some of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting informs that they should agreable to appointment was present and read

extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly meeting
of Women friends, containing many pertinent and seasonable
advices, also transcripts of the Epistles from the Yearly Meet-
ings of Women friends in London Philadelphia and New
York which were grateful to our feelings, Sarah Earl,
Mary Shearman Eunice East Susan Ann Barker and Ruth
Lodiman, are appointed to transcribe them and send copi-
es to each of our Monthly Meetings and make report to our
next Quarter. This Meeting concludes and proposes to
meet again in the 11th Mo if permitted at Somerset

Signed on behalf of the Meeting by Mary Williams Clerk
this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Somerset
for Rhode Island the 5th of 11th Mo. 1812

The representatives from the several monthly meetings are
for Rhode Island Susannah Rabon Mary Williams and
Margaret Barker for Greenwich Susannah Green and Ann
Anthony for Swansey Bethany Buffinton Hannah
Earl and Sarah Chase South Kingston Lucy Anna
Knowles and Sarah Collins, Providence Mary Anthony
Jur and Abigail Arnold all present We have received ac-
counts with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th Queries from all
the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter which
have been read in this Meeting. Our Beloved Friend Ruth
Spencer attended this meeting and produced a copy of a
minute from Women's Monthly Meeting state of New
York 21th of 9th Mo 1812 expressive of their unity with
her prospect of paying a visit to her relations and
attending the meetings of friends in this Quarter, She
being an Elder in good estem with them her company
has been very acceptable to us. we are informed by accounts

from the Monthly Meetings that she hath also attended all the Meetings (except two) constituting this Meeting A few lines expressive thereof is prepared and signed by the clerk to be endorsed on her certificate. We are informed from the mens meeting that they concur with South Kingston Monthly Meeting, in approving the publick appearances in the ministry of John Wilbur; the subject hath been considered and is also concurred with in this meeting. The Friends appointed to transcribe the Epistles for the ensuing Meeting report that they have fulfilled the appointment. This Meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 2nd mo. at Providence if permitted.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence for Rhode Island the 4th of 2nd mo. 1813

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Susanna Thurston Sarah Hilliard and Hannah Dennis Greenwich Ruth Langford Deborah Green and Phebe Arnold Swansey Sarah Lawton and Phebe Head South Kingston Mary Collins and Alice Knowles, for Providence Elizabeth Congdon and Abigail Arnold being called are all present. We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th Queries from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter, which have been read in this meeting. We are informed by accounts from Greenwich Meeting that they have appointed Mary Spencer to the station of an Elder the subject hath been considered in this Meeting

and is with the concurrence of the Mens Meeting United with Freelove Harris is appointed to Inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof, and report to next meeting — The Mens meeting informs, that they have United with South Kingston M^o meeting in the appointment of Benjamin Hazzard to the Station of an Elder, which also meets the approbation of this Meeting. — Our Beloved friend Rowland Green having returned from his late visit to friends in the State of Ohio &c Attended this Meeting and produced several satisfactory testimonials of his services abroad. — The company of our dear friend Lydia Dean from Salem Quarter has been very acceptable & animating to us at this Meeting. — This Meeting concludes & proposes to meet again in the 5^th mo at Greenwich if permitted

Signed Abagail Arnold Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich for R Island the 6^th 5^th mo 1815

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Island Hannah Dennis and Abagail Thomas, for Greenwich Hannah Arnold Dorcas Battey & Joanna Brown, for Swansey Eunice Braston Content Mayhew & Charity Buffington, for S Kinston Dorcas Babcock & Hannah Hazard for Providence Elizabeth Smith Olive Hills & Deborah Hills who being called are all present. We have received Accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly meetings constituting this Quarter, from which the following general answers have been collected, and are to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Hannah Dennis Sarah Collins Hepzibah Harris & Lydia Weeks whom we appoint to attend s^d Yearly Meeting & report to next Meeting

Freelove Harris reports that the Select Quarterly meeting was informed of the appointment of Mary Thomas to the Station of an Elder — Our dear friends Emma Green and Hannah Dennis having accomplished their visit to friends in some parts of the State of N York, very feelingly communicated

to this Meeting some account thereof, and produced several Satisfactory Certificates of their Acceptable services during the course of said Visit.—

The Company & Labours of our friend Mary Allen have been very Acceptable & us at this meeting. The time being expired for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed to serve this meeting. Abigail Arnold is appointed Clerk and Abigail Thurman Assistant for the ensuing year. A very savory Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London 1815 was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction and we trust will tend to our Edification

This meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 5th mo. at Portsmouth if permitted.— Signed Abigail Arnold Clerk.

General Answers &c. Oppose [illegible]

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 7th of 5th mo 1815.— The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings belonging to Rhode Island Mary Williams and Susannah Isabon for services Ruth Green and Anna Green for Swansey Patience Hopkinton Isabel Carr and Sybil Chase for Portsmouth Rachel Lawton and Ann Robinson for Providence Mary Anthony and Lydia Anthony for Smithfield are all present This meeting is informed that a Friend appointed for one who was prevented by sickness attending this meeting agrees to appointment.— We have received Accounts with Answers to the 12 Queries from all the Monthly Meetings which with the Queries have been read in this Meeting, the many deficiences therein expressed have deeply Affected the Minds of Friends here, and many weighty Remarks have been Made thereon to excite Friends to more diligence, Particular in the due attendance of Religious Meetings, And it is recommended to the representatives present to endeavour to gather up the fragments and spread them to their respective Meetings at home.—

Extracts from the Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting with transcripts of Epistles from London Philadelphia and New York & also the general printed Epistles from London of the present year have been read in this Meeting containing much Salutary Counsel which we hope may tend to our edification and encouragement.—

The company & labours of our dear friend Mary Morgan have been Acceptable & Animating to us at this Meeting.— Ruth Rodman Mary Sherman Margaret Buffum and Mary Williams Junr are appointed to transcribe the the Epistles and extracts from our Yearly Meeting minutes and forward them to the several Monthly Meetings & report to next Meeting.— This Meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 11th Mo at Swansey if permitted.

Signed Abigail Arnold Clerk

General Answers, 8 years 11th Mo. 1813

Answer 1st — All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been kept up, except two small meetings on account of the difficulty of travelling and several not attended by women; mostly attended by the greater part of our numbers, though all are not as diligent herein as would be best, particularly in the attendance of afternoon and midweek Meetings, on which account some care has been extended. — The hour mostly observed. A few instances of sleeping, of other unbecoming behaviour in a good degree clear

Answer 2nd — A good degree of love and Unity is maintained amongst most friends but we fear not so fully by all as would be best. — We believe a concern prevails in most friends to guard against detraction, where differences have arisen care has been taken. —

Answer 3d — We think friends pretty generally endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech and behaviour while we fear some do not sufficiently impress on their minds the necessity of plainness, and simplicity in dress, and the pernicious tendency of conformity to the fashions, we trust most have endeavour to preserve those under their care from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are examining themselves; while some we fear are not so careful as would be best. The holy scriptures are read in most friends families. —

Answer 4th — We know not but friends are careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquours, except in one instance, on which account care has been extended, mostly clear in the other part of that Query. —

Answer 5th — The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities in some measure relieved, we know not but clear in the other part of that Query. —

Answer 6th — The [illegible] as usual is [illegible] best in [illegible] respects; two instances of disorderly conversation having

care has been extended. — —
7th Clear as far as appears. — —
8th We believe some friends are exercised in such part of that
query but we fear there is a deficiency in others
9th Marriages recorded, births deaths and burials not all recorded
Several instances of inattention in regard to certificates which
is under notice
10th We believe friends endeavour to deal with offenders
in the manner queried after Judgement staied where
necessary according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women friends
held at Somerset 11th mo. 4th 1813 — The representatives from the
several monthly meetings are for Rhode Island Latelia
Anthony & Sarah Mott for Greenwich Mary Spencer &
Ruth Green and Hannah G Arnold for Swanzey Bethany
Buffington, Sarah Chase and Reeth Buffington for
South Kingston Sarah Collins and Mary Wilbur for
Providence Elizabeth Congdon and Lydia Smith &c —
who being called are all present. The friends appointed at our
last meeting to transcribe the Epistles &c. report that they have
attended to said appointment — We have received accounts of the
Answers to the 3 queries usually answered from the several
monthly meetings which with the queries have been read
in this meeting — Our esteemed friend Abel Collins
spread before this meeting a concern that had for some
time attended his mind to pay a religious visit to pay
Quarterly meetings at Danesborough and Farmington Quarterly meetings, &
also some meetings in Easton Quarter and produced
a certificate of concurrence from the monthly meeting of
South Kingston the subject hath claimed the solid
consideration of this meeting, the sympathy and

Concurrence of which has been feeling manifested and an Indorsement expressive thereof, is prepared to be signed by the Clerks of both meetings — This meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 2nd mo at Providence if permitted — — — Signed Abigail Arnold Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 3rd of 2nd mo 1814 — The representatives for the several monthly meetings are for Rhode Island Sarah Earl and Susanna Fielborn for Greenwich Avis Smith and Joanna Peck for Swansey Mary Earl, Hannah Earl 3rd and Ruth Buffington for South Kingston Dinah Collins and Alice Knowles for Providence Alice Almy and Remember Anthony, who being called are all present except one who was prevented attending by indisposition — We have received accounts and Answers from the several monthly meetings which with the Queries have been read in this meeting, we are informed by the accounts from Greenwich monthly meeting that they have with the unity of the mens meeting, Appointed Sarah Green, Daughter of Paul Green to the Station of an Elder, the subject hath been solidly considered in this meeting and is united with, Lydia Weeks is appointed to inform the select Quarterly meeting thereof and make Report to our next Quarterly Meeting — — The mens meeting informs, that they have appointed a Committee to inspect the records of this meeting to see if there has not been some deficiencys in regard to granting Certificates to public friends who have visited us, and proposed our appointing a similar one; — We therefore appoint Dorcas Brown and Abigail Arnold to attend to the service and make report to next Quarterly meeting — — —

This meeting concludes & proposes to meet again in the 5th mo at Greenwich if permitted — — — — Signed — Abigail Arnold Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at E. Greenwich 5th & 5th mo 1814 - the representatives from the several Monthly meetings are, for Rhode Island Ruth Weaver & Hannah Dennis for E. Greenwich Susanna Green, Joanna Peck and Freelove Mundel; Nancy Sybil Chase and Susanna Earl. South Kingston Martha Hazard, & Sarah Congdon, for Providence Sarah Anthony and Mary Anthony Jun. who being called are all present except one who is prevented by sickness.

We have received Accounts from all our Monthly meetings with Answers to the Queries from which the following general answers are selected and are with some accounts to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Susanna Freeborn, Mary Spencer, Martha Hazard, Mary Collins and Sarah Green who are appointed to attend sd meeting and make report to next meeting - We are informed by the accounts from Rhode Island mo meeting that they have appointed Lydia Anthony Wife of Abraham Anthony to the station of an Elder, the subject has been considered in this and the mens meeting and is united with; Susanna Freeborn is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof and report to the next meeting - We are also informed that Jonathan Dennis of Rhode Island mo meeting is appointed to the station of an Elder which is likewise united with, in this meeting; the mens meeting inform that they have united with Greenwich mo meeting in the appointment of Barnah Collins to the station of an Elder: which this meeting concurs with. - The committee appointed at our last Quarterly meeting to examine whether there had not been any omission

in regard to returning Certificates or minutes of traveling
friends having made Report that it appears there has been
in several instances, one of which is the case of Betsey
Purinton, this meeting therefore directs the Clerk to forward
to Salem Mo meeting the following Copy of the minute
of this meeting in the 2nd mo 1812 (being the time she attended)

— Viz — Our Beloved friend Betsey Purinton att
=ended this meting and produced a Copy of a minute of Salem
Monthly meeting 8th mo 9th 1812 expressive of their unity with her
as a minister and with her prospects of visiting this and some
other metings in the neighborhood, her company & services have
been very acceptable to us — —

Lydia Hicks reports that she has informed the select
Quarterly meeting of the appointment of Sarah Greene to the
station of an Elder, — this meeting being informed from the
monthly metings that Mary Bonsal with her Companion
Hannah Elliot have satisfactorily attended most of the meet
=ings hereto belonging, a few lines expressive thereof are pre=
=pared directed to be & signed by the Clerk & forwarded to the monthly M
=eting in Philadelphia of which they are Members — —
This meeting concludes & proposes to meet again in the 8th m
at Portsmouth if permitted —

Signed Abigail Arnold — Clerk

— General Answers for 1814 —

Ans 1st — All our meetings for religious worship & discipline are kept
up & it appears that they are mostly attended by the greater part
of the members, yet an indifference in that important duty
is too apparent, particularly on the attendance of mid-week
& afternoon metings, — the hour generally observed, not quite
clear of drowsiness, some care extended, clear of other unbe
coming behaviour as far as appears —

2nd A good degree of Love & Unity subsists among us and care to guard against detraction, yet we fear it is not so fully maintained by all friends as truth requires, generally clear as to differences, where they have appeared care has been taken.

3d Most friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness agreeably to the requirings of the Query, and to be exemplary themselves, yet a want of proper attention thereto is apparent in some others on which account some labour has been bestowed, we think the Holy Scriptures are generally read in friends families.

4th Not quite clear as to Spirituous Liquors, but care has been extended. the frequenting Taverns and places of public resort, mostly avoided, where it has appeared otherwise labour has been bestowed, moderation is observed on other occasions

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected & their necessities in good measure relieved, no children that require care in these respects.

6th We think parents & heads of families are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline; some deviations have appeared which are under notice

7th We believe clear in each part of this Query

8th Most friends are careful in the observance of those duties, but a fear is manifested that all are not so attentive thereto as truth requires. 9th Not quite clear as to records, care is taken in regard to certificates.

10th The care rests with friends for the regular dealings with offenders without partiality, but we fear it is not on all occasions without some delay, judgment hath been placed where it hath appeared necessary, agreeably to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Portsmouth the 4th of the 8th mo 1814 — The representatives from the several monthly meetings, are, for Rhode Island, Sarah Mott, Mary Williams and Abigail Shearman — for East Greenwich — Sarah Green, Anna Anthony and Hannah Arnold — for Swanzey, Elizabeth Slade and Sarah Lawton — for S. Kingston Anna Brown & Lucy Ann Knowles for Providence Sarah Metcalf & Phebe Holden — who being called are all present — —

We have received Accounts with Answers to the Queries from our several monthly meetings which have been read in this meeting. Susanna Tucker report that the select quarterly meeting has been informed of the Appointment of Lydia Anthony to the Station of an Elder. —

The Representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended to the Appointment, and had in charge transcripts of the Epistles from London Philadelphia and N-York with some Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting which have been presented & read in this meeting to satisfaction —

The Clerk is directed to procure Copies there of & forward them to the several monthly meetings —

This meeting concludes & proposes to meet again in the 11th mo at Swanzey if permitted —

Signed Abigail Arnold — Clerk —

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Somerset the 3rd of the 11th mo 1814 — The representatives from the several monthly meetings all for Rhode Island Lydia Anthony, Susan Ann Buffum —

and Susanna Freeborn – for East Greenwich Dorcas Battey & Joanna Peck – for Swanzey Sarah Buffington, Martha Buffinton and Candice Grove – for S. Kingston Sarah Wilbur, and Nina Carr, for Providence Dorcas Paine and Phebe H. Holden, who are all present except Dorcas Paine for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned – The Clerk being absent Mary Williams is appointed clerk for the day & Dorcas Brown assistant clerk – We have received Accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly meetings composing this Quarterly meeting, which have been read in this meeting – A certificate from the monthly meeting of friends at E. Greenwich dated 10th mo. 31st on behalf of our friend Daniel Howland expressive of a Religious engagement which had for some time rested on his mind to visit the Quarterly meetings at Nine Partners & Stanford, with other meetings in the State of New York, – with which this meeting feelingly unites, & an endorsement thereon was prepared and signed in the Mens & Womens meetings – This meeting concludes & proposes to meet again in the 2nd mo. at Providence if permitted –

– Signed – Mary Williams – Clerk for this time –

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At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Providence 2nd mo. 2d 1815 – The Representatives from the several monthly meetings, are, for Rhode Island, Susanna Freeborn & Joanna Mitchell for E. Greenwich, Ruth Langford Dorcas Batty, Barbara Batty, and Eunice Hinds, for Swanzey Sybil Chase

ine Tandice Shove, for S. Kingston Sarah Collins and Catherine Knowles - for Providence Remember Harry and Elizabeth Smith, who being called are all present except three - We have received Accounts with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries from the several Monthly meetings composing this Quarter which with the Queries have been read in this meeting -

Several satisfactory minutes on behalf of our friend Daniel Howland from meetings he has attended in the course of his late Religious visit, have been received & read in this meeting - The company and labours of our friend Mary Varney from Starks Borough Monthly meeting with her companion Hannah H Battey have been very satisfactory to us at this meeting - Our dear friend Mary Allen from Smithfield Quarter hath also been very Acceptable with us at this time.

This meeting concludes & proposes to meet again in the 5th mo at E. Greenwich if permitted -

Signed & by aid & order - Clerk -

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at E. Greenwich 5th mo 4th 1815 - The representatives from the several monthly meetings are, for Rhode Island Elizabeth Thurston & Ruth Rodman, for E. Greenwich Sarah Sears, Dorcas Battey and Sarah Green, for Swansey Sarah Buffington & Mary Buffington, for S. Kingston Martha Hazard & Lydia Collins to Providence Mary Anthony Jun and Elizabeth Congdon, who being called are all present except Mary Buffington - We have received Accounts with Answers to the Queries from which the following general Answers have been collected and are with some Accounts to be forwarded to the Yearly

mation by our friends Lydia Wicks, Sarah Buffington, Susanna Freeborn, Martha Hazard, & Abigail Arnold whom we appoint representatives to attend sd meeting & make report to next meeting —

Our Estim'd friend John Head attended this meeting with a Certificate from Middleton monthly meeting held in Columbianna County, State of Ohio 8th mo 11th 1814. Also his Companion James Bolton, from the same meeting, their company & services have been acceptable to us — —

A few lines on behalf of our friend Mary Varney and companion Hannah H Batty from Starksborough monthly meeting, have been prepared in this meeting signed by the Clerk, and are to be forwarded to 3d mo meeting — A general printed Epistle from the Yearly meeting in London in the 5th mo 1814 has been read in this meeting to our Satisfaction and Encouragement — —

This meeting concludes & proposes to meet again in the 8th mo at Portsmouth if permitted —

— Signed - Abigail Arnold. Clerk

General Answers 1815

1st Unst. All our meetings for Religious Worship and discipline have been kept up, except some small meetings which have been several times unattended by women and some others have been small at times than usual Owing to the inclemency of the weather & difficulty of travelling, the hour generally observed, a disposition to Drowsiness still too much indulged by some —, mostly clear of sleeping, clear of other unbecoming behaviour when [illegible] convened — —

2nd — Love and Unity generally prevalent, some instances to the contrary which are under notice, & Detraction

generally clear, when any differences have arisen, endeav-
ours have been used to end them. —

3rd — We think most friends are careful to bring up those under
their direction, in plainness; — such are concerned to be exam-
ining in their own conduct & restrain their Children in the
several particulars alluded to, but deviations herefrom are
apparent in others. The Holy Scriptures are read in
Friends families, but we apprehend not so generally as would be best. —

4th — We think generally careful to avoid the use of Spirituous
Liquors, except for medicine, & attending taverns, clear,
one exception as to places of public resort, on which ac-
count care is taken, — Generally careful to observe moder-
ation on those accounts which are specified. — —

5th — The circumstances of the poor are inspected & their neces-
sities, in good measure relieved; their children partake of
Learning; none placed from among friends. —

6th — Parents and Heads of Families with the young and un-
married, are, we believe, generally careful in these respects
we may however note 3 instances of marrying out
of Society, on which account care has been taken —

7th — Clear as far as appears —

8th — We believe most friends are careful in each part of this Query

9th Marriages all recorded, some deficiency with respect
to ~~births~~ Births & Deaths — care taken as to certificates —

10th — We believe friends are generally careful to deal with offenders
in the Spirit of meekness and without partiality, in order
that judgment may be placed where it appears necessary
Agreeably to Discipline —

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth the 3d of the 8th mo 1815 — The represen-
tatives from the several monthly meetings, are, for Rhode Island
Susan Ann Buffum, Mary Williams and Susanna Hathaway
for E. Greenwich Anna Anthony and Lydia Weeks — for
Swansey Cybil Chase, Martha Chase and Hannah Earl —
— J. Kingston — Hannah Robinson and Douca Babcock — —
Providence Alice Almy, Lucy Green, and Mary Wilsw.
orth — who being called are all present — We have receiv-
ed Accounts with Answers to the three Queries usually ans-
wered from the several monthly meetings, constituting this
Quarter, which with the Queries have been read in this
meeting — The friends appointed to attend the Yearly
meeting report, they have attended to the Appointment
except two who were prevented by Sickness — —

Some extracts from the minutes of our last
Yearly Meeting have been presented & read in this meeting to
Satisfaction — Our friend Sarah Wilbur opened in this
meeting a concern that had for some time impressed
her mind, to pay a visit in Gospel Love to friends & Nine
partners, Stanford and Duanesborough Quarterly meet-
ing, in the State of New York — and produced a Cer-
tificate of the concurrence and unity of South Kingston
Monthly Meeting therein — The subject hath claimed the
Solid consideration of this meeting & the Sympathy and
unity of many friends hath been expressed, a few lines
expressive thereof has been prepared, Signed by the Clerks
& the mens of this meeting & indorsed on Sd Certificate — —

The subject of Appointing a Clerk & Assistant having
been considered in this meeting, Abigail Arnold is appoin-
ted to serve as Clerk & Hannah Arnold assistant for the ensu-
ing year — — This meeting concludes & proposes to meet
again in the 11th mo at Swansey if permitted —

Abigail Arnold — Clerk —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzey for Rhode Island the 2nd of 11th mo 1815 — The representatives from the several Monthly meetings are, as follows
For Rhode Island, Elizabeth Thurston & Joanna Mitchell
For Greenwich, Ruth Greene, Mary Spencer & Susanna Green,
For Swansey, Sarah Chase and Martha Buffington.
For S. Kingston, Dinah Collins and Phebe Collins. —
For Providence, Elizabeth Smith & Elizabeth Congdon —
who being called are all present —

We have received accounts with answers to the three Queries usually answered, from the several monthly meetings constituting this Quarter, which, with the Queries have been read in this meeting — —

Our beloved friend Mary B. Allen has been very acceptably with us at this time. —

This meeting concludes, and proposes to meet again at Providence in the second mo. if permitted. —

Hannah G. Arnold - Clerk for this time

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 1st of 2nd month 1816 the representatives for the several monthly meetings are, for Rhode Island Sarah Mitchell, Susanna Freeborn, & Hannah Almy for E. Greenwich Elizabeth Reynolds, Barbara Munro & Ruth Green, — for Swansey Hannah Earl and Sybil Chase — for S. Kingston Lucy Ann Knowles and Mary Peckham for Providence Lucy Green, Sarah Metcalf & Mary Ellsworth who being called are all present — —

We have received accounts with Answers to the three Queries usually answered from the several monthly meeting constituting this Quarter, which with the Queries have been read in this meeting — —

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meeting in Philadelphia and New York, with the extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, have been read in this meeting, we hope the many weighty remarks contained therein - may tend to our Edification & encouragement - - Sarah Scott, Mary Ann Smith, Sarah Hadwen Lydia Smith and Ruth Congdon, are appointed to transcribe them, and Dorcas Brown to forward Copies to the several Mo meetings - - This meeting concludes and proposes to meet again in the 5th Mo at Greenwich if permitted - -

Abigail Arnold Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at E. Greenwich 2nd & 15th mo 1816
The representatives from the several monthly meetings are for Rhode Island. Mary Williams, Mary Anthony and Hannah Dennis, do E. Greenwich Dorcas Battey and Sarah Seal, Swansey Eunice Brayton and Sarah Buffinton, South Kingston Mary A Robinson and Martha Hazzard, Providence Phebe H Holden and Dorcas Brown - who be called are all present except two one of which rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence - -

We have received accounts with Answers to the Queries from our several monthly Meetings and general Answers collected therefrom which have been read in this meeting with some accounts to the Yearly meeting, and are to be forwarded thereto by our friends Abigail Green, Lydia Wicks, Sarah Fowler, Martha Hazzard, Hannah Dennis and Eunice Brayton - whom we appoint representatives to attend the Yearly meeting and report to our next meeting - This meeting ~~having~~ having considered the subject concur with the judgment &

South Kingston, 1st meeting in approving the public Appearances in the ministry of Andrew Nichols Jun^r — Also with the monthly meeting of E. Greenwich in the appointment of Nicholas Congdon to the Station of an Elder — Our friend Sarah Wilbur presented to this meeting several satisfactory testimonials of the unity & sympathy of friends of Nine Partners — Stanford & Hudson, meetings in her late religious visit among them — — This meeting concludes and proposes to meet again if permitted in the 8th m^o at Portsmouth — — Abigail Arnold — Clerk

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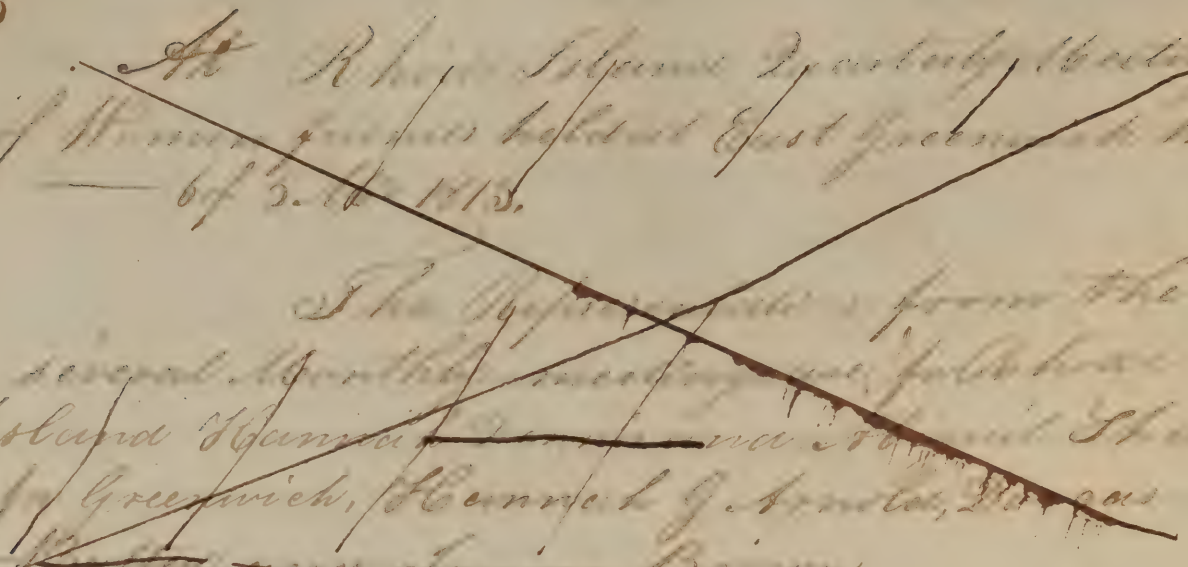
General Answers — for 1816

1st — All our meetings for Religious worship & discipline have been kept up and generally attended by the greater part of our members tho' there are instances of remissness in this important duty, particularly in the attendance of mid-week meetings — generally careful to observe the hour — most friends preserved from sleeping or any other unbecoming behaviour when assembled —

2nd — Love and Unity in a good degree subsists among most friends & many are careful to guard against detraction, but a more general care on that account is wanting, generally clear of differences where they have appeared, some care has been extended —

3rd — We believe some friends endeavour to educate those under their care in plainness of speech Behaviour and Apparel and to restrain them from reading pernicious Books, from the corrupt conversation of the world and to promote the reading of the Holy Scriptures, yet we fear there is not a sufficient engagement in some as it respects this important duty — —

4th — Friends are generally careful in the use of Spirituous Liquors except in one instance (in that) the extension



of some case is exhibited — No breach in the other parts of this query appears

5th — The circumstances of the poor and such as appear to need assistance are inspected & relief measurably extended — Children that require the aid of Society are assisted, none placed from under its care — —

6th. A pretty general care appears that all proceedings respecting Marriage be conformable to Discipline — Some instances of marrying out of Society, which are under notice

7th — Our testimony appears to be maintained in the several parts of this Query — —

8th Generally clear — yet we fear that all have not been so careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, as would be consistent with their own welfare, and the reputation of Society —

9th Marriages all recorded, Births and Deaths mostly, clear respecting Certificates, except in one instance which is under notice —

10th Care is taken to deal with Offenders in good measure as queried after, and judgment is placed when it appears necessary agreeably to discipline — —

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 8th mo 1st 1816 - The Represen-tatives from the several Monthly Meeting, are, for Rhode Island, Mary Williams and Anna Weeden - for Green-wich, Sarah Seal, Ruth Green & Elizabeth Reynolds - for Swansey Susanna Chace and Anna Shove - for South Kingston Mary Dockay and Ann Brown for Providence Mary G Anthony and Dorcas Brown - all present except Anna Shove - -

The Clerk being Absent Ruth Rodman was ap-pointed to serve for the day -

We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries from the several monthly meetings constituting this Quarter, which with the Queries have been read at this time - - The friends who were appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended except one, who was prevented by sickness -

We have had at this time the Company and services of our friends Anna M Thorn & Judith Coffin which hath been very acceptable to us -

The Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly meeting with Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia and New York have been read at this time to satisfaction edification -

This Meeting concludes intending to meet in the 11th mo at Swansey if permitted - -

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey 7 of 11th mo 1816 -

The representatives from the several monthly meetings, are, for Rhode Island Hannah Almy - and Anna Weeden - for E. Greenwich - Mary Cook, Dorcas Battey and Anna Anthony, for Swansey, Hannah Earl, & Elizabeth Slade, - for S. Kingston, Anna Knowles and Mercy Dockery - - for Providence Elizabeth Congdon and Dorcas Brown, - all present except Mercy Dockery - -

The Clerk and Assistant being absent Dorcas Brown and Lydia E Smith are appointed to serve for the day -

- We have received Accounts with answers to the three

Queries usually answered, from the several monthly meetings constituting this Quarter, which, with the queries have been read in this meeting — We are informed by the Accounts from S. Kingston Mo. Meeting that they have proposed Mary A Robinson wife of James — to the station of an — Elder — the subject hath been solidly considered in this meeting & is united with — Susanna Freeborn is Appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof and report to next Meeting — Swansey monthly Meeting inform that there has been a case long labouring in that Meeting which they have not been able to digest & request the assistance of friends — We therefore Appoint Susanna Freeborn Lucas Brown & Mary Gardiner to unite with a Committee of Mens friends in Considering the circumstances and affording such aid and assistance as may appear necessary — — The London printed Epistle of 1816 has been read at this time, we hope to Edification — This meeting concludes intending to meet in the 2nd mo. at Providence, if permitted — —

— Lucas Brown — Clerk this time —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 6th of 2nd Month 1817 — The representatives from the Several monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island. Susanna Freeborn and Elizabeth Shearman — for Greenwich — — — — for Swansey Hannah Earl 2nd and Mary Shove 2nd — for S. Kingston, Lucas Peckham and Mary A Robinson — for Providence Remember Anthony and Sarah Metcalf — The representatives from the meetings from which we have received Accounts, are present except two for whose Absence Satisfactory reasons are

rendered, the accounts from East-Greenwich M^t^ meeting (owing to some mistake) have not been brought to this meeting — Answers to the 3 queries usually answered from all the other monthly meetings composing this Quarter, have been read in this meeting — The friend appointed reports that she informed the Select Quarterly meeting of the appointment of Mary A. Robinson to the station of an Elder — — This meeting having solidly considered the subject, and having the concurrence of the mens meeting therein do unite with Providence monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Anna Almy — Sarah Green is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly meeting thereof and report to next meeting — The Committee on the request of Swansey monthly meeting report that they have attended to the subject and communicated to that meeting what then appeared to them necessary in the case — But it appearing at this time that some further labour may be needful, it is referred to our next meeting under the care of the same committee —

Our esteemed friends Lydia Dean from Salem and Mary B. Allen from Smithfield, have been Acceptably with us at this meeting — —

This meeting concludes intending to meet in the 5^th^ M^o^ at Greenwich if permitted —

Abigail Arnold — Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at E. Greenwich 5^th^ M^o^ 5. 1817 — The Representatives from the several M^o^ meetings are for Rhode Island Anna Weeden & Abigail Thurman, — for E. Greenwich Elizabeth Reynolds and Sarah Searl, for Swansey Susanna Earl, Sabina Shove and Hannah Earl — 2^d^ M^o^ —

90 for South Kingston Mercy ~~Peckham~~ Dockey and Elizabeth Peckham
for Providence Dorcas Jenny & Lucy Green. who being called
are all present — We have recorded accounts with answers to
the queries from the several ~~this~~ meetings constituting this
quarter from which general answers are collected and are
with some account to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our
representatives who are — Anne Anthony Mary Robinson
Dorcas Brown, Mary Williams, & Hannah Clark. who are
appointed to attend s meeting and report to next meeting
The friends appointed reports that he informed the select quarterly Meeting
of the approbation of Aring Thing ministry — the consideration of the case
of Swansey the Meetings requested have paid some attention to
the subject but are not ready to make a report. it is again
referred to the next meeting — — The men's meeting informs
that they have united with east Greenwich ~~meeting informs that~~ Mo
they have united in approving the publick appearance
in the ministry of Thomas Anthony which this meeting
having considered do also unite with.

General Answers

1st All our meetings for worship & discipline have been kept
up and attended generally, excepting one small preparative
meeting occasioned by difficulty in travelling, and one for worship
not opened as usual. The house observed mostly clear from
sleeping or other unbecoming behavior when assembled.

2d Love & Unity in a good degree maintained. detraction we
think not practised to many things for we think an increased
regard to advice it would be useful in some cases. care taken to
~~avoid~~ end differences —

3 It appears that many friends endeavour to bring up those
under their care in attainments of pious behavior & approach
and to restrain them from reading pernicious books and
from the corrupt conversation of the world many friends
are aware of the importance of their own example yet
we apprehend all cannot be included in this description
the scriptures are frequently read in friends families but
we fear the practice is not so general as the query calls for
4th Mostly clear in the several parts of this query.

5th Friends are generally careful to inspect into the circumstances
of the poor that their necessities are measurably relieved; clear.
in the remaining part of this query as far as appears

6th clear except in one instance in which case has been extended

7th Clear as far as appears.
8 Carefully as respects the contents of this query
9th Not quite clear as to records carefully in regard to certificates
10th Care is taken to deal with offenders. and judgment placed where necessary according to discipline:
the time being expired for which the clerk & assistant were appointed to serve this meeting. Abagail Arnold is reappointed clerk for the ensuing year but Hannah G Arnold wishing to be released the appointment of an assistant is referd to next meeting — This meeting concludes intending to meet again in the 8th mo at Portsmouth & is adjourned
Signd Abagail Arnold — Clerk

The Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 8th mo 7th 1811 — The following Friends were dismissed from the several monthly meetings for Greenwich Eunice Davis Avis Smith & Lavina Gardner of Coweset Susanna Chase & Lois Chase of Hopkinton Hannah Knowles and Susan Collins of Providence Rhoda Tucker and Lucy Green; who being called are all present —

We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10 queries from our several monthly meetings which with the queries have been read in this meeting — the representatives to the yearly meeting report that they attended to the appointment and had in charge transcripts of epistles from the yearly meetings of Philadelphia — Baltimore New York & Ohio with some extracts from their minutes of our yearly meeting which have been read in this meeting to satisfaction, and we desire to our edification — Eliza Rodman Avis Hammond Mary Williams Ann Mott and Margaret Buffum are appointed to transcribe them and forward copies to the several monthly meetings

Our ancient friend Peter Lord came in this meeting a concern that attended his mind to pay a religious visit to friends of New Hartford and Dartmouth Quarterly Meetings and produced a certificate of the unity of friends of the monthly Meetings of S & K with them therein: the subject has been considered and united with in this meeting and a few lines expressive thereof signed by the Clerks of this and the next meeting has been entered on his account Ruth Rodman is appointed Clerk for the ensuing year. We are informed that the advice of the committee in case of the request of Swanzey monthly meeting has been complied with by friends the committee therefore are discharged This meeting concludes & proposes to meet again in the 11th mo at Greenwich
Signed Abagail Arnold

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Swanzey 11th mo 6th 1817 —

The representatives from the several monthly meetings are for Rhode Island Hannah Wing and Jemima Briggs for E Greenwich Ruth Lawton Dorcas B. Anthony & Anna Anthony for Swanzey Martha Buffington and Lydia Pierce for S Kingston Sarah Wilbor Lucah Collins and Mary Wilbur for Providence for Providence Sarah Hatch and Mary G Anthony who being called are all present We have received accounts with answers to the several queries from our monthly meetings which with the queries have been read in this meeting — This meeting unites with Swanzey mo meeting in the appointment of Joseph Buffington to the station of an Elder — Our esteemed friends Mary B. Allen & Alice Rathbun have been very acceptably with us at this meeting and produced certificates of the unity of friends of Smithfield monthly meeting with their prospects of attending this and some other meetings within its limits the companion of our esteemed friend Ruth Davis hath also been very acceptable to us at this time. ——

This meeting having been favoured with a measure of the overshadowing of the divine presence desire to conclude under a feeling sense thereof and propose to meet again in the 2nd mo if permitted

Signed

Abagail Arnold

At R I. Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 2nd mo 5th 1818 — The Representatives from our several monthly meetings are — for Rhode Island Wait Lawton Lydia Almy and Anna Mitchell for E Greenwich Barbery Bathy Sarah Green and Anna Anthony for Swanzey Sarah Buffington Mary Shove Jun and Rhoda Earle for S Kingston Amey Knowles and Mary Peckham for Providence Dorcas Paine and Elizabeth Smith, who being called upon are all present except four for the absence of two satisfactory reasons are rendered —

We have received answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries from all our monthly meetings which have been read in this meeting

Our Esteemed friend Ann Keen has been very acceptable with us at this time and produced a certificate of the unity of friends of Uxbridge monthly meeting with her in her prospects of attending this meeting and sundry others within the compass of this and Sandwich Quarter — The company and services of our esteemed friend Betsey Pennington, Rebecca Dean and Mary Newhall from Salem monthly meeting has also been very satisfactory to us at this meeting — We are informed by accounts from Greenwich monthly meeting that they are united in proposing Anna Anthony to the station of an elder the subject has been considered and united with in this and the Nine meeting thereof and report to next meeting — A general printed epistle from the Yearly meeting in London containing much sound counsel and advice has been read we trust to edification

This meeting having considered the subject do concur with South Kingston monthly meeting in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Henry Knowles ——

Our friend Daniel Hoxton opened in this meeting a concern that rested on his mind to attend the appointed Quarterly Meeting of Philadelphia & New York with some other on his his way and produced a certificate from the unity of friends of Greenwich our meeting with him in sd prospect the subject claiming the wise consideration of this meeting is united with & he is left at liberty to proceed therein as truth may open the way — A few lines expressive of our satisfaction in the late visit of our esteemed friends Mary Bedell & Alice Rathburn was prepared in this meeting directed the clerks and directed be forwarded to smithfield Monthly meeting.

This meeting concludes intending to meet in the 5th Mo at Greenwich if permitted

Signed

Daniel Hoxton

At a Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 7 - 1845

The representatives from the several monthly meetings are for RI Hannah Dennis Abagail Sherman and Ruth Rodman for E Greenwich Sarah Gwen Anna Anthony and Prudence Gwen for Swanzey Susanna Chase Mary Earle and Susanna Hale for Kingstone Mary Knowles and Sarah Hazzard for Providence Abm M Arnold Elizabeth Congdon and Ruth Scott - The Representatives being called are all present we have received accounts both answers to the queries from all our monthly meetings with the following general answers which have been collected therefrom, & sand are to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives. Dorcas Peckham, Hannah Dennis Dorcas Brown, Sarah Gwen Mary Spence and Mary Earle - the friend appointed reports, that she informed the last quarterly meeting of the appointment of Anna Anthony to the station of Elder - RI monthly meeting have proposed Susannah Hathaway to the station of an Elder - the subject has been considered by this mens meeting, and is united with Elizabeth Gwen is appointed to inform the next Quarterly meeting thereof and report it mens meeting This meeting inform that they have united with RI monthly meeting in the appointment of Stephen Gould to the station of an Elder in which this meeting also unites One of the representatives to our last quarter sent a satisfactory reason for her absence at this time the time being expired for which the Clerk was appointed to serve this meeting - we appoint Mary G Anthony & Dorcas Brown to take charge of the subject and propose some friend for that service to our next meeting

This meeting concludes intending to meet in the 8th mo at Portsmouth & is subscribed

Abagail Arnold

Clerk

1st Our meetings for Religious worship & discipline have been kept up except a few small ones which was not attended by Women on account of the difficulty in travelling others smaller than usual by reason of the inclemency of weather but we think in general they are attended by the greater part of friends; the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping where it has occured care has been taken no other unbecoming observable when assembled

2d Love & unity in a good degree maintained among us detraction mostly guarded against, yet we fear there are instances in which it is too much given way to no differences that we are acquainted with

3 Most friends are endeavouring to educate those under their care in plainness, but we think there are some deviations particularly in regard to language a care is manifest to preserve the youth from the perusal of improper publications and also from improper associations there are those who encourage by example - we think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most families

4 Not quite clear of spiritous liquors some care taken we know of no deviations in the several other parts of this query

5 The circumstances of the poor are examined and their necessities measurably relieved in the remaining parts of this query are quite clear

6 Not wholy clear - but care taken

7th No variation of our testimonies in the several particulars of this query that we are acquainted with

8 We dont know of any neglect in either of these duties

9 Records mostly attended to some deficiency in respect to certificates which is under notice

10 We are subsists to labour with those who deviate from the order of society. we believe in some measure under the influence of those dispositions which are requisite, and to place judgment agreeable to discipline

At R I Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 5th mo 15th 1848

The representatives from the several mo meetings are for R I Susanna Freeborn & Cynthia Coggeshall for Greenwich Susanna Greene Sarah Gidley Freelove Hinoit & Anna Anthony for Swansey Susanna Chase & Sarah Lawton for S Kingston Mary A Robinson & Elizabeth Peckham for Providence Mary G Anthony Anna Thing & Lucy Green who being called are all present except two one of whom sent a satisfactory reason for her absence

One friend Anna McThom attended this meeting & produced a certificate of the unity and sympathy of Friends of Nine Partners mo meeting held 4th mo 15th 1848 with her, in the prospect of paying a religious visit to Friends of this and Smithfield Quarters her company and services have been very acceptable to us the company of her companion Phebe Lewis has also been satisfactory to us

We have received acts and answers to the queries from the several monthly meetings constituting this quarter which with the queries have been read in this meeting

As no meeting have proposed any Knowles to the station of an Elder, the subject has been considered in this meeting and having the concurrence of the mens meeting therein is united with; Hannah Dennis is appointed to inform the select quarterly meeting thereof

The friends appointed as representatives report that they attended the Q meeting except One who was prevented by indisposition

The friend appointed reports that he informed the select Quarterly meeting of the appointment of Susanna Hathaway to the station of an elder

Some extracts from the minutes of our Q M have been read in this meeting to satisfaction

The appointment of a clerk and assistant is referred to next meeting

This meeting concludes & proposes to meet again in the 11 mo at Swansey if permitted

Abigail Hinoit
Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzey, 11th, mo 5th 1818 — The representatives from from the several monthly meetings, are, for Rhode Island Joanna Mitchell & Elizabeth Thurston — for G. Greenwich Barbara Bates & Anna Anthony — for Swanzey — Mary Buffington & Rachel Tinson, for S. Kingston — Abbey Knowles and Catherine Collins — for Providence, Elizabeth Congdon and Dorcas Paine — who are all present —

We have received accounts with Answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th queries from all our Mo meetings which with the queries have been read in this ——

We are informed by acct from G. Greenwich Mo meeting, that they propose Sybil Reynolds to the station of an Elder, the subject has been considered in this & the mens meeting & is united with — Anna Anthony is appointed to inform the select Quarterly meeting thereof — A few lines on behalf of our friends Anna N. Thorn & Companion Phebe Hows, expressive of our satisfaction in their late visit among us — was prepared & signed by the Clerk and directed to be forwarded by to Nine Partners Monthly Meeting — Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore & Ohio — have been read in this Meeting to satisfaction, & we trust to the edification of many minds — Our friend Ruth Davis attended this meeting & presented a copy of a minute of the Mo meeting of N. Bedford — expressive of their unity with her prospect of visiting some of the Meetings within this Quarter, also some families her Company & labours, with those of her Companion (many Cards) have been acceptable to us. The friends appointed in the case of a Clerke and assistant propose Abigail Arnold for Clerke & Anna Arnold assistant, the former assistant declining a re appointment — which being united with, they are appointed to serve the meeting the ensuing year

This Meeting Concludes, intending to meet in the 2nd Mo at Providence - if permitted —

Abigail Arnold -
- Clerk -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Providence 2nd mo 5th 1819 —
The Representatives from the several Mo Meetings, are - for RhodeIsland - Hannah Almy Hannah Gould jun. and Susanna Freeborn - for E. Greenwich Elizabeth Reynolds - Freelove & Green & Sarah Seal, for Swansey Phebe Head, Mary Buffinton & Hannah Earl for N. Kingston Mary A Robinson & Ann Brown for Providence - Dorcas B Anthony, Remember Anthony and Ruth Anthony — being called, are all present —
We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2nd 9th and 10th Queries from all our Monthly Meetings which with the queries have been read in this —
Susna Anthony reports that she informed the select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Sybil Reynolds to the Station of an Elder — The Frd is appointed in the 8th mo to give similar information respecting Amey Knowles - reports she attended to the appointment
A few lines expressive of our satisfaction in the religious labours of our friend Avis Keene in her late visit among us - was prepared in this meeting & directed to be forwarded to Saybridge Monthly Meeting - Also a few lines of the same import on behalf of our Frd Ruth Davis and Companion Mary Card, directed to N. Bedford Mo Meet
Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meeting of Philadelphia & N. York have been read in this Meeting tending to the encouragement of many minds —
This Meeting concludes intending to meet again in the 5th Mo. at E. Greenwich if permitted —

Abigail Arnold —
Clerk —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo. 6th 1819 — The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are — for Rhode Island — Anna Dennis & Abegail Sherman for E. Greenwich — Joanna Peck, Sarah Rholand & Sarah Searle — for Swansey Eunice Brayton, Susanna Earl and Sarah Lawton — for S. Kingston — Dorcas Peckham and Mary Wilbur — for Providence Anna Arnold and Sarah Metcalf — who being called — are present except one, who was disappointed in getting here We have received Accounts with answers to the queries from all the Mo. Meetings constituting this Quarter, which have been read & general Answers collected — which are to be forwarded to the yearly Meeting by our Representatives — Sarah Fowler, Mary & Robinson Elizabeth Congdon — Anna Almy Sarah Earl and Content Maxwell — whom we appoint to attend said Meeting & report to next Meeting —

Several friends from Neighbouring Meeting have been acceptably with us at this time —

This Meeting concludes — intending if permitted to meet again in the 8th mo. at Portsmouth —

Abegail Arnold —
Clerk —

General Answers —

1st — All our Meetings for Religious worship & discipline have been kept up, except a few small ones which was not attended by Women, on account of the difficulty of travelling, others smaller than usual — by reason of the inclemency of weather, but we think in general, they are attended, by the greater part of friends We have nearly observed, not quite a year of sleeping since it has received — care has been extended — no other unbecoming behaviour observable, when assembled —

100 2nd — Love and unity, in a good degree maintained among us — detraction mostly guarded against yet we fear there are instances, in which it is too much given way to — no differences, that we are acquainted with —

3d — Most friends are endeavouring to educate those under their care, in plainness, but we think there are some deviations, particularly in regard to language — a care is manifested, to restrain the youth from the perusal of unprofitable publications, & also from improper associations — there are those who encourage by example ——— we think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends' families —

4th — Not quite clear of spirituous liquors — some are taken — we know of no deviation in the several other parts of this query —

5th — The circumstances of the poor are examined and their necessities measurably relieved, in the remaining part of this Query, we think clear —

6th — Not wholly clear — but care taken —

7th — No evasion of our testimony in the several particulars of this Query, that we are acquainted with.

8th — We do not know of any omission, in either of these duties —

9th — Records mostly attended to — some difficulties with respect to Certificates, which is under notice —

10th — A care subsists to labour with those, who deviate from the order of society, we believe in some measure under the influence of those dispositions which are required, and to place judgment agreeable to discipline ———

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 8th mo 5th 1819 -

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are - viz Rhode Island - Elizabeth Thurston & Sybil Almy for E. Greenwich Elizabeth Reynolds and Sarah Howland for Swanzey Sarah Buffinton Sybil Chase & Mary Shove S. Kingston - Ann Brown & Susanna Collins - Providence Anna Arnold & Abigail Arnold - all present except Abigail Arnold - who forwarded an acceptable reason for her absence - The Clerk being absent Ruth Rodman is appointed for the day - We have received Accounts together with answers to the 3 queries usually answered which have been read at this time The R. of the representatives to the Q. Meeting reported - that they all attended agreeably to appointment - They also handed to this meeting Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting & Transcribs of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia Ohio Baltimore and Phila - which have been read at this time & we appoint Eliza Rodman, Sarah Earl Hannah Mott, Mary Williams Jun and Elizabeth Jacobs to transcribe & forward them to the Clerk of this Meeting for distribution - The London Epistle of 1818 has been acceptably read - Our friend Thomas Anthony disclosed in this Meeting a prospect which had for some time impressed his mind to perform a visit to some of the Quarterly Meetings in the State of New York - the subject after being solidly considered was united with, and this Meeting concurs with the Mens Meeting in endorsing a certificate, granted him by E. Greenwich Monthly Meeting —

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again in the 11th mo if permitted —

Ruth Rodman
Clerk for the day

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzey 11th mo 4th 1819 -

The representatives from our several Monthly Meetings are, for Rhode Island - Mary Hicks and Hannah Mitchell - Greenwich - Mary Spencer Phebe Green & Catherine Munroe - Swanzey Mary Shove 2nd and Lydia Chase, Kingston - Sarah & Elisha Gen & Alice Knowles - Providence Lucretia & Anthony and Lucretia Paine - who are all present -

Our friend Ruth Spencer attended this Meeting - with a Certificate from Sandwich - their Monthly Meeting held at Berne 2th mo 4th 1819 - Expressive of their sympathy & unity with her prospect of performing a religious visit to this and some of the neighbouring Quarterly Meetings - accompany & Gospel labours among us have been truly acceptable - a few lines expressive thereof are prepared & signed by the Clerks & be endorsed on her Certificate

We have received Accounts with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this quarter which with the queries, have been read at this time -

Greenwich Meeting informs that the select Meeting, have proposed Elizabeth Reynolds to the station of an elder - which they united with - the subject has been considered in this & the Mens Meeting & is concurred with - Mary Spencer is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof & report to next Meeting

The time being expired for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed to serve this Meeting Mary Anthony Anna Sims & Susanna Freeborn are appointed to bring forward to our next Quarterly Meeting some friends names to that service -

This meeting concludes- intending if permitted to meet again in the 2nd Mo at Providence

Abigail Arnold
- Clerk -

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of women friends met at Providence 2nd Mo 3d 1820-

The representatives from our several Mo Meetings are for Rhode Island. Abigail Sherman & Anna Mitchell of Greenwich - Susanna Green - Sarah Earl & Lydia Spink Swansey - Martha Chase, Hannah Earl 2d & Ruth Buffinton of Kingston Mary C. Hazard & Lydia Collins - Providence Remember Anthony & Mary Arnold - all present except Hannah Earl 2d -

The friends appointed in the case of a clerk & assistant propose Anna Arnold as Clerk and she submitting the matter to friends is appointed to serve the meeting in that place the ensuing year - We have received accounts from our several Mo Meetings with answers to the Queries usually answered which with the Queries have been read in this meeting - this meeting is informed that the appointment of Elizabeth Reynolds was reported to the select Quarterly Meeting -

A few lines expressive of our satisfaction in the late religious visit of our friend Elizabeth Walker was prepared in this meeting, to be signed by the Clerk & forwarded to Purchase monthly Meeting - The company and Gospel labours of our friend Mary Newhall has been acceptable to us at this Meeting Also the company & Gospel labours of our friend Ruth Fowler a second time have been acceptable

This meeting concludes intending to meet again in the 5th Mo at Greenwich if permitted -

Anna Arnold
Clerk

5th Month 4th 1820

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Holden at Greenwich 5th of 4th mo. 1820.

Representatives from the different Monthly Meetings are, Elizabeth Freeborn. Ruth Rodman from Greenwich, Sarah Rhodes. Lydia Weeks & Maria Hudson, for Swansey. Eunice Brayton. Hannah Earl 2d, and Charity Budington. for South Kingston. Mary S. Robinson & Lucas Peckham. for Providence Elizth Congdon. & Elizabeth G. Smith. all present.

The Queries with the answears from the several Monthly Meetings have been read, & general answears selected therefrom which are to be forwarded with some account according to the Yearly Meetg by our representatives, Susannah Freeborn, Hannah Earl 2d, Lucas Brown, Abigail Arnold, Lydia Weeks, Mary Spencer, Mary S. Robinson, & Hannah Dennis, who are to report their attendance at our next meetg.

L. Wilbur appointed to the station of an Elder H. Earl 2nd also.

Lydia Wilbur of South Kingston, & Hannah Earl 2nd having been propos'd & appointed in their respective monthly meetings as Elders, this & the men's meetg unite therewith Susannah Freeborn is desired to inform the Select meetg thereof.

The London General Epistle has been read & kindly attended to edification.

This meeting concludes, and will meet again at Portsmouth in the 8th mo. next if permitted.

Anna Arnold Clerk.

4th
8 Month 3rd 1820.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
holden at Portsmouth 3rd of 8th mo 1820

Representatives from the different Monthly Meetings
are for Rhode Island, Anna Mendon, & Elizabeth Huntington, for
Greenwich, Lydia H. Weeks & Phebe Greene, for Swansey, Sarah
Buffington, & Mary Howe 2nd for South Kingston, Anna Knowles
& Hannah Hazard. for Providence Lucas P.D. Anthony and
Sarah Tweedy. all present.

The representatives all attended the Yearly Meeting
except one, who was prevented by indisposition.

The Queries and the answers from the several Monthly
Meetings have been read in this.

S. Collins appointed to the Station of an Elder.

Sarah Collins of South Kingston Monthly meeting
having been proposed & appointed to the station of an Elder this
this, & the mens meeting unite therewith — Ann Hannah Tennis
is requested to inform the Select Quarterly meeting thereof.

This Meeting concludes and will meet again at
Swansey in the eleventh month next if permitted.

Anna Arnold Clerk.

2d Month 2d 1820.

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Swansey 2d of 11th mo. 1820.

Representatives from the different monthly meetings are for Rhode Island Hannah Gould Lebilia Anthony & Abigail Sherman - for Greenwich Susannah Green, Sarah Green & Hannah Almy, for Swansey Mary Shove 2d & Lois Chace for South Kingston Amey Knowles & Catharine Collins, - for Providence Mary J Anthony & Lydia C Smith who are all present.

The queries with the answers have been read in this meeting -

The London printed Epistle with transcripts of Philadelphia & Virginia epistles have been read at this time -

This meeting concludes and will meet again at Providence in the 2d mo, 4 if permitted.

Abigail Arnold Clerk -

1st of 2d Month 1828

Rhode-Island Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Providence 1st of 2d mo. 1828.

Representatives from the different monthly meetings are, from Rhode-Island, Elizabeth Rodman and Mary Williams; for Greenwich Lydia C Weeks, Anna Anthony & Sarah Searle; for Swansey Hannah Earle, second, & Phebe Chace; for South-Kingston Mary L Brown & Hannah Hazard; for Providence Dorcas B. Anthony Betsey Printon & Sarah Metcalf, who are present except two.

The queries and answers have been read in this meeting

Mary Buffington's certificate acknowledged.

Swansey monthly meeting informs that they approve of the public appearances in the ministry of Mary Buffington; the subject has been before this and the men's meeting and unity manifested with the judgment of said monthly meeting, and Lydia Weeks is desired to inform the select quarterly meeting thereof.

Transcripts of epistles from Baltimore, Ohio, and New-York have been read in this meeting to satisfaction. The time being expired for which the clerk was appointed to serve this meeting, Abigail Sherman, Mary Anthony, Sarah Greene & Dorcas Anthony are appointed to present such names as they may think suitable

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for clerk and assistant--

This meeting concludes and will meet again at Greenwich in the fifth month if permitted.---

Abigail Arnold Clerk--

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Greenwich 3d of 5th mo 1821--The representatives from the different monthly meetings are, for Rhode Island, Abigail Sherman & Ruth Rodman: for Greenwich Freelove Greene Elizabeth Reynolds & Parthania Munro: for Dunsey Susanna Earle, Mary Buffinton, and Hannah Earle second: for South-Kingston Mary A Robinson and Mary A Collins: for Providence Betsey Purinton Abigail Arnold & Mary G Anthony who, are all present.--

The committee appointed last quarter to select some friends names for clerks have proposed Mary A Robinson & Lydia C Smith for that service with which this meeting unites.---

The queries with answers from each monthly meetings have been read and general answers composed therefrom, which we forward to the Yearly-meeting by our representatives, who are

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Emma Almy, Amey Knowles, Hannah Dennis, Doras Brown, Mary G Anthony, Mary Buffington & Sarah Greene.--

Lydia Weeks informed this meeting, that she conf with her appointment respecting Mary Buffington.--

A certificate granted to Betsey Quinton

Our Beloved friend Betsey Quinton having in a weighty manner laid before this meeting a prospect of visiting friends in some parts of the state of New-York - it was feelingly and weightily considered & united with - a certificate from the monthly meeting of Providence of their concurrence with this concern has been read & endorsement made thereon & signed.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Portsmouth in the 8th mo 4th next if permitted.

Signed on behalf of the meeting by Mary't Robinson Clerk.

Rhode-Island Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Portsmouth 2d of 8th mo 1821.--

The representatives from the different monthly meetings are, for Rhode Island, Hannah Gould jun & Emma Weeden: for Greenwich Martha Reynolds and Sarah Greene: for Swansey Hannah Earle

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and Phebe Chace:-for South Kingston Mary A. Robinson & Sarah Collins:-for Providence Dorcas Brown, Abigail Arnold, and Lydia C. Smith, who are all present except one-for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assign'd.

The friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting perform'd that service- The queries with answers to three of them have been received from the different monthly meetings have been received and read.

Hannah Gould appointed to the station of an elder.

The monthly meeting of Rhode Island have proposed and approved the appointment of Hannah Gould just to the station of an elder, in which this and the mens meeting unite Hannah Dennis is requested to inform the said meeting thereof.--

Extracts from the yearly meeting minutes, and epistles from those of New York and Philadelphia have been read to the edification & comforts of many minds. Some extracts from the boarding-School committee have been read and are to be sent to each monthly meeting.-Several friends from other yearly meetings have been acceptably with us at this time- This meeting concludes, intending to meet at Sandy in the 18th mo. if permitted.--

Mary A. Robinson Clerk.--

11th Month 1st 1821.—

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of women friends held Swansey 1st of 11th mo. 1821——

Representatives from the different monthly meetings are for Rhode-Island, Abigail Shearman & Emma Weeden: for Greenwich Susanna Greene Sarah Greene & Mary Spencer: for Swansey Martha Buffington, Martha Chace & Elizabeth Earle: for Providence Abigail Harris & Elizabeth Congdon: for South-Kingston Lois Perry & Abbi Knowles, who are present except two for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The queries with answers from the several monthly meetings have been read at this time.

South-Kingston informs that extracts from our Yearly-meeting minutes with epistles from those of New-York and Philadelphia have been read in this meeting to much satisfaction.——

Copies of epistles from the Yearly Meetings Baltimore, Ohio, Virginia North-Carolina & containing much salutary counsel & encouragement have been read to the edification and comfort of many present——

Under a precious solemnity we conclude, intending to meet again at Providence in the 2d mo. next if permitted.——

Signed on behalf of the committee
by Mary C Robinson clerk—

2d Month 7th 1822.--

Rhode-Island Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Providence 7th of 2d mo. 1822.--

Representatives named by the different monthly meetings are for Rhod-Island Abigail Shearman, Lydia Almy and Catharine Mitchell: For Greenwich, Susanna Greene, Elisabeth Reynolds & Sarah Searle: For Sdaney, Content Maxwell, Elisabeth Slade and Hannah Earle 2d. For Providence Sarah Metcalf, Abigail Arnold & Mary Aylsworth. For South Kingston, Amey Knowles are Sarah Knowles, who are present.

The queries with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each monthly meeting composing this quarter have been read.-- Rhode-Island, Providence and South Kingston acknowledge the reception of the epistles and extracts & that they were read to their satisfaction.--

Anna Almy's certificate granted.-- Our beloved friend Anna Almy having in a solid manner opened a concern that had for some time attended her mind to pay a religious visit to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & New-York and some other meetings as way may open; it was weightily considered and feelingly united with: a certificate from Greenwich monthly meeting was produced expressive of their concurrence in this prospect and she

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is at Liberty to perform it as truth may direct. The clerk is desired to prepare and sign an endorsement hereon. Abigail Arnold, Betsey Dunnton & Dorcas B Anthony are requested to visit her and administer such care as the occasion may require.

The London general epistle was read replete with excellent counsel to all classes of society and was comforting to many minds

We have had the company and acceptable services of several friends from other quarterly meetings.

This meeting concludes intending sense that it has been evidently own'd by the Holy Head of the Church intending to meet again at Greenwich in the 5th mo next if permitted.

Sign'd on behalf of the committe
by Mary A Robinson clerk

2d of 5th month 1822

Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Greenwich 2d of 5th mo 1822

Representatives from the different monthly meetings are For Rhode-Island Anna Dennis and Ruth Sisson; For Greenwich Mary Spencer Sarah Scarle and Elizabeth Reynolds; For Swanse Mary Buffinton and Charity Buffinton; For South Kingston Sarah Congdon and Mary P Hazzard For Providence Dorcas Brown Lucy Greene Lyd A Smith and Elizabeth Congdon who are all present except one. The clerk being absent

5th Month 25 1822 — —

Abigail Arnold is appointed for the day. —
We have received accounts with answers to the queries from all our Monthly Meetings, and general answers are selected from them, which are with some account to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives, who are Mary Spencer, Betsey Purinton, Hannah Gould, Mary Collins and Mary Buffington. — —

B. Purinton certificate returned

Our friend Betsey Purinton having accomplished the service for which she some time past received our certificate, returned the same to this meeting, with an acceptable account of her visit, accompanied with several satisfactory testimonials of the unity of friends from the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings where her lot had been cast.

The friends appointed in the case of Anna Arny's certificate report that they attended thereto.

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed Mary G. Anthony, Hannah Dennis, Dorcas Peckham and Hannah Earle, are requested to take charge of the subject and propose some Friends as clerks to our next meeting. — —

The company and services of our friends Ruth Mosely have been satisfactory to us at this meeting. — —

The meeting concludes and will meet again in 5th mo. at Portsmouth if permitted.

Abigail Arnold clerk for the day — —

8th Month 1st 1822--

Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Portsmouth 8 month 1st 1822--

The representatives from the different monthly-Meetings, are, from Rhode-Island, Hannah-Gould Junr Lois Anthony, and Catharine Mitchel; from Providence, Dorcas Brown, Sarah Mowry and Sarah Buffington; from Greenwich Prudence Greene and Mary Spencer; from Swansey Susanna Chase, Mary Shove, and Rebecca Buffington; From South-Kingston Amey Rivers and Hannah Havard, who are all present.

The queries with three answers from each Monthly Meeting constituting this quarter have been read.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting informm they attended to that appointment.

Anthony's certificate returned.

Our friend Anna Almy, having performed the service for which she received our certificate in 2d mo 4th last, returned it to this meeting with a satisfactory account of her visit; accompanied by an acceptable testimonial of unity from the select Yearly Meeting of New-York.

We have received at this time transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of London, Philadelphia, New-York, Virginia, Baltimore, North-Carolina and Ohio, some of which have been acceptably read.

The committee who had charge of the selection of names for clerks, not being ready to report it remaining under care of the same Friends.--

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Our friends having informed us of the appointment of Obadiah Brown to the station of an Elder it was solidly considered and united with.

An address from the Yearly Meeting with advice suited to our present situation and a report from the boarding school committee has been received and read.—

In consequence of some deficiencies brought into view by answers to the queries from divers meetings, much affectionate concern has been manifested, and tender counsel offered for our encouragement, under a sense of which we conclude intending to meet at Swanzey in the 11th month next, if permitted.

Mary A Robinson clerk pro tempore

Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Swanzey 11th mo 7th 1822.—

Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are; for ~~Providence~~ Rhode Island Susanna Hathaway, & Sarah Mott, of Swanzey Eunice Tennison, Anna Shove and Rebekah Shove, South Kingston Mary P. Hazard, Lucy Anna Lewis, Providence Betsey Tanner, Greenwich Maria G. Hudson Susanna Greene, & Elizabeth Reynolds — who were all present except two — for the absence of one a satisfactory reason is assign'd. —

The Queries with the answears from each Monthly Meeting have been read at this time. The

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friends to whom the care of preparing clerks was committed not being ready to report Hannah Earl 2nd is propused for the day. - - - - -

S. Greene appointed to the station of an Elder

This meeting unites with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Susanna Greene to the station of an Elder, having had the approbation of the mens meeting therein, & Betsey Purinton is directed to inform the Select meeting thereof.

The Epistles from North Carolina & Ohio have been read to our satisfaction. Notwithstanding remissness is acknowledged in some of the accounts, we trust the sincere hearted will be strengthened to hold on their way, which will ensure to them a blessing.

Hannah Earl 2nd clerk, for the day

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Providence 2nd Mo. 6th 1823.

Representives from the several Monthly Meeting are, from Rhode Island Hannah Dennis, Hannah Almy, & Hannah Gould, Greenwich Susanna Greene & Hannah Almy, Swanzy Isabella Chase, & Phebe Slade, South Kingston Mary A. Collins, & Mary D. Brown, Providence Phebe W. Holden, Abigail Arnold, & Lydia C. Smith, present except one whose absence a satisfactory reason was assign'd for. - - - -

Clerk & Assistant Chosen

The time for which the clerk & assistant was appointed for having some time since expir'd, a committee was appointed to bring forward names, & for that purpose propose Hannah Earl 2nd for clerk, & Lydia C. Smith assistant with which this Meeting unites & appoints them to said station for the ensuing year.

The Queries with the usual answears were read, also the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings. - - - - -

The business being closed we conclude to meet again if permitted at Greenwich in the 5th Mo. next.

Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk.

5th Month 1st 1823

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Greenwich 5th mo. 1st 1823.

Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Abigail Sherman, Hannah Anthony, & Elizabeth Anthony, Greenwich, Phebe Congdon Avis Smith, & Parthany Mumroe, Swanzey Mary Shove Ruth Burlington, & Susanna Earl, South Kingston Alice Hoxsie, & Susan Collins, Providence Elizabeth G. Smith, Dorcas Wain, & Lydia C. Smith. present except one.-

We have received accounts with answears to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter, from which general answears are compiled for the Yearly Meeting and are to be forwarded by our representatives Betsey Purinton, Sarah Greene, Amy Browles Phebe Slade, & Hannah Gould pro. who are appointed to attend the same.-

Our Esteemed friend Avis Keene attended this meeting, & several other's within it's limits, with a minute from Salem Monthly Meet.g held 10 of 4th mo. 1823- which with her company & religious services have been truely acceptable to us.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again in the 8th mo. at Portsmouth if permitted.

Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Portsmouth 8th Mo. 7th 1823.-

The representatives for the Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island Anna Wanton & Ruth Rodman,

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Greenwich Sarah Green & Mary Spencer. Swanzy Sybel Chase and Isabela Chase, South Kingston Amy, & Mary D. Brown, Providence Dorcas Brown & Abigail Arnold, who being call'd are all present.

The clerk & assistant being absent Abigail Arnold and Ruth Rodman are appointed for the day. – –

We have received accounts from all our Meet[s] with answears from the 1st 2nd & 10th Queries which have been read. – –

This Meeting is informed that the representatives to the Yearly Meeting all attended to their appointment. –

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, & Indianna were received – & the three former read, together with extracts from the Yearly Meeting's minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and Reuben Hazerton & Dorcas Brown are appointed to get them transcribed for the several Monthly Meetings. –

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again in the 11th mo. at Swanzy if permitted. – Abigail Arnold Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Swanzey 11th mo. 6th 1823. –

Accounts being received from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this, the representatives therein nam'd are for Rhode Island Elizabeth Thurston & Hannah Dennis, for Greenwich Mary Spencer Lois Anthony & Sarah Howland, for Swanzy Rebecca Shove, & Mary Buffington, for South Kingston Lydia Wilbur & Catherine Ellis, for Providence Dorcas B. Anthony & Eunice Medcalf who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assign'd. –

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, and succeeded by the usual answears as presented in the account.

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11 Month 6th 1823

Isaac Stephenson visit. — Our Esteemed friend Isaac Stephenson attended this Meeting with certificates from Darlington Monthly Meeting, held at Darlington, & from Durham Quarterly Meeting held at New Castle upon Tyne in Great Briton, & also one from the Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London, all bearing date of the present ~~of the present~~ year, expressive of their unity with him in his present engagement in North America. — Whose company & Gospel labours have been acceptable to us. —

S. Tucker & S. Howland visit. Our Esteemed friend Sarah Tucker from Dartmouth, & Susan Howland from New Bedford, are with us with certificates from their respective Monthly Meetgs — whose company & labours have also been acceptable.

Endorsements for Sarah Tucker & Susan Howland have been prepar'd, which the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting. —

The business being closed this Meeting concludes intending to meet again in the 2nd next at Providence if permitted.

Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Providence 2nd m. 5th 1824. —

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetgs hereto belonging are for Rhode Island: Hannah Dennis & Hannah Gould jun., Greenwich Phebe Congdon, Anna Anthony & Maria S. Hudson, for Swanzy Hannah Earl, & Mary Buffington, for South Kingston Mary A. Collins & Sarah Collins, for Providence Mary G. Anthony, Sarah Medcalf, & Phebe Holden, all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned. —

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Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries, which have been read in this meetg are all recieved & read in the usual way.—

The clerk & assistant inform'd this meetg that the time for which they were appointed was expir'd — and Mary G. Anthony, Abigail Arnold, & Phebe Holden are appointed to select suitable persons for clerks & bring their names to next Quarterly Meetg. ——

This Meetg concludes intending to meet again at Greenwich if permitted in the 5th mo next Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women held at East Greenwich 5th & 6th 1824.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetgs are from Rhode Island Abigail Thurman & Irena Dennis, from Greenwich Mrs Smith & Susanna Greene, from Smithfield Lydia Chase, & Rebecca Thor, & Charity Rufsington, from Saith Rhingston & Mercy Dockery, & Sarah Congdon, from Providence Dorcas Wickham, Anthony, Betsey Winsor & Abigail Arnold, all present except one.

The committee to select clerks propose Hannah Earl 2nd & Lydia C. Smith, who are united with & appointed to serve for the ensuing year.

Clerks Chosen

The Queries with the answers from each Monthly Meeting have been read, & General answers collected therefrom which are to be forwarded by our representatives to the Yearly Meeting. Who are Dorcas Wickham, Mary G. Anthony, Thurman Dennis, Mary Thorn & Mary Earl.

The business being closed this Meeting concludes to meet again at Portsmouth in the 8th mo next if permitted.

Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk

8th Month 5th 1824

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth 8th mo. 5th 1824.

The representatives for the several Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island Cynthia Coggeshall, Hannah Almy & Anna Weeden, from Greenwich Theodore Greene, Hannah G. Brown & Theodore D. Greene - from Swanzy Elizabeth Slade, Mebe Chase & Mary Shove, from South Kingston Mary P. Hazard & Sarah Congdon, Providence Dorcas Brown & Dorcas W. Anthony who being called all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assign'd.

An answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th Queries have been received from the several Monthly Meets composing this Quarter which with the Queries have been read at this time.

This Meeting is informed that the representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended to their appointment except Mary Spencer, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assign'd.

Transcripts of the Epistles have been received through the medium of the representatives & those from Philad New York & Virginia have been satisfactorily read at this time.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again Swanzey in the 11th mo. next if permitted.

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzey 11th mo. 4th 1824.

The representive from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island, Susan Ann Buffum & Hannah Mott, for Greenwich Susanna Greene, & Phebe Congdon, for Swanzey Ruth Buffington & Isabella Buffington, from South Kingston Amy Sinnocks & Dorcas Peckham & Lydia Collins — from Providence Dorcas Paine & Mary G. Anthony, who being called are all present. —

The Queries have been read in this meeting, and succeeded by the usual answears as presented in the several accounts.

The London general Epistle was recieved, and read at this time to our edification & comfort. —

Abigail Sherman acknowledged Minister

This Meeting unites with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Abigail Sherman, having the unity of the mens Meeting therein — & Lydia Bread is desired to inform the Select Quarterly thereof.

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again in the 2nd month Next at Providence. Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Womens Friends held at Providence 2nd mo. 3rd 1825. —

Accounts being recieved from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this the representive therein named for Rhode Island are Abigail Sherman & Hannah Dennis for

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Greenwich Deborah C. Hesson & Susanna Greene – for Saunzy Martha Chase, & Mary Shaw 2nd, for South Kingston Mercy Dockens & Mary Nichols, for Providence Eunice Metcalf & Hannah Chase, who are all present except three & a satisfactory reason assigned for one.

The Queries were read in this meeting & succeeded by the usual answears, which with the accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings.

Transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore, Indiana North Carolina & Ohio have been read to edification, and Lydia Wood is appointed to have them transcribed and forwarded to each Monthly Meeting.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Greenwich if permitted in the 5th mo. next. – Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Greenwich 5th mo. 6th 1825.

By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are for Rhode Island Susanna Hathaway, Abigail Shearman, & Anna Dennis, for Greenwich Susanna Greene, & Phebe Congdon, Saunzy Susanna Chase, Anna Shaw, & Hannah Earl 2nd, for South Kingston Hannah Hazard, & Deborah Collins, for Providence Deborah Brown Elizabeth Congdon & Phebe Metcalf, all present.

The Queries with the answears from the several Monthly Meetings have been read, & general answears selected therefrom, which with the account are to be forwarded to our

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next Yearly Meeting of Women friends to be held on Rhode Island by our representatives, who are Hannah Penn, Betsy Hunter, Elizabeth Congdon, Amy Hoxsie, Mary Buffington, Maria S. Hudson, & Mary A. Collins.

A. Rathbone attended

Our Esteemed friend Alice Rathbone attended this Meeting with a certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting held 28th of 4th mo. 1825 — which with her company hath been truly acceptable to us. —

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again in the 8th mo. at Portsmouth if permitted. Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk. —

Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth Rhode Island 8th mo. 5th 1825. —

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Lois Anthony, & Wait Lawton, Greenwich Elizabeth Reynolds, & Freelove H. Greene, Swanzy Susanna Earl, Mary Shove 2nd & Elizabeth Shove, South Kingston Mercy Dickens, Amy Hoxsie, & Mary P. Hazard, Providence Dorcas Brown, & Lydia Reed. — present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason is assign'd. —

Clerk appointed

The time for which the Clerk was chosen being expired the representatives have proposed Hannah Earl 2nd for the ensueing year which being united with she is accordingly appointed to that station.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting & succeeded by the requir'd answears from each Monthly Meeting, which with the account have been received. —

H. Hoag & companion attended

Our Esteemed friend Huldah Hoag from Vermont attended this meeting with a certificate from Weare Monthly Meeting held 4th mo. 28th 1825 — with an endorsement from Sherwich

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Quarterly Meeting 5th mo. 6th 1825 - which with her comp: any & religious services have been truly acceptable to us. -

Our Esteemed friend Mehitable Austin companion to the above s^d friend also attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Kennisburgh Monthly Meeting held 5th mo. 27th 1825, which with her company has been accept: able to us. -

Our Esteemed friend Hannah Dennis appeared before this Meeting a concern that had attended her mind to accompany Sarah Tucker on a religious visit to some of the Meetings within the limits of Philad^a Yearly Meeting particularly, the Quarterly Meet^gs of Abington, Concord, Bucks & Caln, her prospect being feelingly united with. —

H. Dennis's Certificate granted

A certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting having been granted expressive of their unity with her in her concern, has been read & endorsed & the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting. -

We are informed that the representatives to the Yearly Meeting all attended.

This Meeting unites with South Kingston M^ly Meet^g in the appointment of Hannah Knowles to the station of an Elder, the men also uniting therein, Susanna Hathaway is desired to inform the Select Quarterly Meet^g thereof. -

H. Knowles appointed to the station of an Elder

Report of the boarding school committee has been received & read. -

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again at Swanzey in the 11th mo. Next, if Pro: mitted. -

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Swanzy 11th mo. 5th 1825.—

The representitive from the Several Monthly Meeting constituting this are for Rhode Island Hannah Gifford, & Anna Weadon, for Greenwich Mary Spencer, Susanna Greene, & Phebe Congdon, for Swanzy Rebekah Shove, & Hannah Robinson, for Saith Rington Catherine Collins, & Mary P. Collins, for Providence Elizabeth Congdon, Phebe Medcalf & Lydia Reed, present except except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.—

The Queries have been read, & succeeded by the usual answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.—

S. Emlen's Visit

Our Esteemed friend Sarah Emlen attended this Meeting with a certificate from Chester Monthly Meeting held in Delaware County Pensilvania 7th mo. 25th 1825— With an endorsement from Concord Quarterly Meeting held at Goshen 8th mo. 9th 1825, which with her company & religious service have been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed friend Esther Lewis an Elder companion to the above named friend also attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from the same Monthly Meeting held in the same place which with her company has been acceptable to us.—

S. M. Smith's Visit

Our Esteemed friend Susanna M. Smith attended this Meeting with a certificate from Burlington Monthly Meeting New Jersey held the 1st of 8th mo. 1825, with an endorsement from Burlington Quarterly Meeting held 8th mo 30th 1825 which with her company & religious service has been acceptable to us.—

Our Esteemed friend Susanna Newbold an Elder & companion to S. M. Smith also attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from the Preparative Meeting of Springfield Monthly Meeting New Jersey held 10th mo. 5th which with her company has been acceptable.

Certificate for H. Hoag & M. Austin—also for Alice Matthews

Returning certificates have been prepared for Hannah Hoag, Mehitable Austin, & Alice Matthews, which being approved

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the clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting.

Epistles have been received from Philad.a & Newport & acceptably read in this Meet.g & Abigail Pearce & Lydia Bond are desired to have them transcribed for the several Monthly Meetings — This Meet.g concludes intending to meet again at Swanzy in the 11th mo. next if permitted. — Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk. —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held the 2nd of 2nd mo. 1826.

The representatives for Rhode Island are Hannah Almy, Hannah Gould, & Susanna Hathaway. for Greenwich Dar: thana Munroe, & Phebe N. Green. for Swanzy, Anna Shove, Susanna Earl, & Hannah Earl, & for South Kingston Mary P. Hazard & Alice Knowles, for Providence Sarah Metcalf Mary G. Anthony, & Abigail Arnold — present except three. —

The Queries have been read & succeeded by answers from each of our Monthly Meet.gs, from which we have received accounts.

Wait Lawton & A. Anthony appointed to the Station of Elders. —

This Meet.g united with Rhode Island Monthly Meet.g in the appointment of Wait Lawton to the station of an Elder, and with Greenwich Monthly Meet.g in the appointment of Anna Anthony to the same station, — Having the unity of our friends therein, and Hannah Earl, & Elizabeth Reynolds are appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

Hannah Dennis return'd her certificate received in the 8th mo. last.

Our Esteemed friend Hannah Dennis having performed the service for which she received our certificate in the 8th Month last, return'd it to this Meet.g with a satisfactory account of her visit, accompanied with returning minutes from Chester and Falls, (Pensylvina) Monthly Meet.gs expressive of their unity with her. —

Mary Battie's visit.

Our Esteemed friend Mary Battie has attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Sonnithfield Monthly Meeting

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which with her religious labours have been acceptable to us.—

Testimonies concerning our late deceased friends Elizabeth Mott, & Samuel Thurston have received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.— Also one from Swanzey Monthly Meeting concerning our late deceased friend Jonathan Chase, which have been read to our satisfaction.

Testimonies concerning E. Mott, S. Thurston & J. Chase.

This Meet.g concludes to meet again at Greenwich in the 5th mo. if permitted.

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Greenwich 5th Month 4th 1826.—

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Wait Lawton & Abigail Thearman, for Greenwich Phebe Congdon & Mary Spencer, for Swanzey Susanna Earl, Deborah Howe & Hannah Earl 2nd, for Smithfield Mary A. Robinson, & Eunice Foster, for Providence Dorcas B. Anthony & Lydia Bread, all present.

The Queries have been read with the answers from each Monthly Meet.g, & general answers selected therefrom, which are to be forwarded to the ensueing Yearly Meet.g by our Representative who are Mary Spencer, Lydia Bread, Mary A. Robinson, Hannah Almy & Susanna Earl.—

The London printed Epistle containing much seasonable advice has been read to our satisfaction.

The business being accomplished this Meeting concludes to meet again at Portsmouth in the 8th mo. Next if permitted.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting
By Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk.

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth the 3rd of 8th mo. 1826.

The representatives from the different Monthly Meetgs are for Rhode Island Hannah Gould Jr. & Mait Lawton, for Greenwich Truelove A. Greene, & Susanna Greene, for Swanzy Ruth Buffington & Mary Shaw, for South Kingston, Amy Knowles & Mary Collins, for Providence Elizabeth Congdon, Phebe Metcalf, & Sarah Buffington, all present except one.

The Queries have been read & succeeded by answers from each Monthly Meetg, which with the accounts are received.

Hannah Almy & Lydia C. Smith are appointed to the station of Elders

This Meeting unites with Rhode Island Monthly Meetg in the appointment of Hannah Almy, to the station of an Elder, & with Providence Monthly Meetg in the appointment of Lydia C. Smith to the same station, having the unity of men friends therein, & Hannah Dennis is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof. Report from the boarding school committee has received & read.

The representatives to Yearly Meetg inform they attended to their appointment, and have presented Epistles from from several distant Yearly Meetgs, with Extracts from the minutes of our own, which have been read, and Lydia Bread is requested to have transcribed for the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging.

The clerk has informed this Meeting that the time for which she was appointed is expired, and we appoint Ruth Rodman, Lydia Bread & Elizabeth Reynolds to take the matter under consideration and bring forward some suitable names for that station to the next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again at Swanzy if permitted on the 1st 7th mo. Next.

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Swanzy 11th m.o 2nd 1826.

The representives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Hannah Hall & Mary Hicks, for Greenwich Phebe Congdon & Hannah Almy, for Swanzy Isabella Buffington, & Mary Shove 2nd, for South Kingston Mary A. Collins & Lydia Wilbur Jr. for Providence Eunice Metcalf, Elizabeth Congdon, & Anna A. Jenkins, all present.

The Queries have been read and succeeded by the answears from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Phebe Congdon appointed to the Station of an Elder.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs they have united with men friends in the appointment of Phebe Congdon to the Station of an Elder - with which this & the mens Meeting unite, & Mary A. Collins is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

M. Battie's returning minute.

Mary Battie having perform'd her visit within the limitts of this Quarterly Meeting, we have prepar'd a returning minute, & the clerk is directed to sign & forward it to the Monthly Meeting at Smithfield.

The bussiness being closed this Meeting concludes intending to meet again at Providence in the 2nd Month Next if permitted.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting

by Hannah Earl 2nd Clerk.

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Providence 2nd mo 1st 1827.

The representatives from the several Meetings are. For Rhode Island Hannah Dennis, Hannah Almy, & Hannah Mott. For Greenwich Sarah Searle, and Dinah Lesson, For Swanzy Anna Shove, Hannah Earl, & Mary Chase, from South Kingston Amy Knowles, and Mary A. Collins, For Providence Mary G. Anthony, and Abigail Arnold, present except two.—

Clerks appointed

The friends appointed at last Quarter to prepare names for clerks have brought forward Lydia C. Smith, & Sarah Searle, who being united with are accordingly appointed for the ensueing year.—

Answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings have been received & read with the Queries.—

Mary A. Collins informs she has attended to her appointment in the case of Phebe Congdon.—

Lydia Hicks approved as a Minister

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that they have united with men friends in approving of the publick appearance in the Ministry of Lidia Hicks, with which this & the men's Meeting unite— and Hannah Dennis is requested to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof.—

Transcripts of Epistles from Philad.a & Balt.e have been received & read at this time.—

Our Esteemed friend Elizabeth Wing from New Bed.d attended this Meeting whose company & religious Labours have been acceptable to us.—

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again at Greenwich on the 5th mo Next if permitted.— Signed on behalf of the Meeting

By Lydia C. Smith.—

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Greenwich 5th Month 3rd 1827.

The representitives from the several Monthly constituting this quarter are for Rhode Island Abigail Shearman, & Hannah Gould Jr. – For Swanzy Mary Thurston Ruth Buffington, & Isabella Buffington – For Greenwich Thulve A. Greene & Phebe Congdon, – For South Kingston Mary A. Collins, & Sarah Congdon – For Providence Dorcas B. Anthony, Mary G. Anthony, & Phebe Metcalf. present except four, for the absence of two of whom a satisfactory reason is assign'd. –

Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with answears to the Queries which have been read together with general answears compiled for the Yearly Meeting which with a little alteration are approved and are to be forwarded by our representitives who are Mary Spencer, Mary A. Collins, Elizabeth Congdon, Ruth Buffington, & Mary G. Anthony, whom we appoint to attend said Meeting.

The Minutes and records of this Meeting being found to be in a state of much disorder Betsey Vaughton & Sarah Lockwood are appointed to take them under their care to examine, and record the proceedings of this Meeting.

This Meeting concluded intending to Meet again at Portsmouth in the 8th Mo. Next if permitted.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting
By Lydia C. Smith Clerk. –

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 2nd of 8th mo. 1827.

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island Hannah Gould Jr. and Hannah Almy, For Greenwich Elizabeth Reynolds and Maria S. Hudson, For Saratoga Mary Shove 2nd Anna Shove & Isabel Buffington, For South Kingston Mercy Dockery & Mary Ann Collins, For Providence Eunice Medcalf Mary G. Anthony & Dicas B. Anthony, all present except Hannah Almy who is prevented by indisposition.

We are informed the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting all attended except Mary Spencer.

Sarah M. Upton's visit.

Our beloved friend Sarah M. Upton attended this Meeting with a certificate of concurrance from the Creek Monthly Meeting in the State of Newyork held the 18th of 5th month 1827 whose company & religious services being acceptable an endorsement is prepared expressive thereof, which is directed to be placed on her certificate & signed by the Clerk.

An Epistle from the anew Yearly Meeting held in Indiana in the 10th Mo. last year has presented to us, & read in this meeting to our satisfaction — Also one from ours held in Newport in the present year.

One of the Representatives to the last Yearly Meeting informed that several of them were disappointed from attending by the boisterous weather which rendered it unsafe to cross the ferry's.

J. Wilbur's Certificate granted

Our Esteemed friend John Wilbur spread before this Meeting a concern that has for considerable time accompanied his mind to pay a visit in gospel love to the three Western Quarterly Meetings in the State of Newyork producing a certificate of concurrance from the Monthly Meeting of South Kingston, with which & his concern unity being expressed, an endorsement is prepared by men friends and directed to be signed

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in both Meetings.

This Meeting concludes proposing to meet again at Swanzy in the 11th mo. Next if permitted.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting
By Lydia C. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzy 1st of the 11th Month 1827.

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meet's constituting this Quarter are For Rhode Island Premacy Pearce, and Mary Hicks, For Greenwich Joanna Peck, & Phebe Con:don, For Swanzy Patience Robinson, Anna Shove, & Rebekah Shove, For South Kingston Lydia Collins, Deborah Collins, & Mary A. Robinson, For Providence Eunice Metcalf & Rhoda Earl, who are all present.

Accounts with the requir'd answears from the several Monthly Meetings have been received, & the Queries read with the answears from each Meet's in this.

Swanzy Monthly Meeting informs that they have united with the Select Meeting in a proposition to appoint Anna Shove to the Station of an Elder, with which this & the mens Meeting unites, & Lydia Breed is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting.

Anna Shove appointed to the station of an Elder

Transcripts of the Epistles from London & Philadelphia have been read in this Meeting to our satisfaction.

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again at Providence in the 2nd Month Next if permitted.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting
By Lydia C. Smith Clerk.

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Providence 2nd month 7th 1828.-

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meet.s are For Rhode Island Sarah Mott, Abigail Shearman & Hannah Almy- For Greenwich Ives Smith, Joanna Peck, and Dinah Sisson. For Swanzy Mary Shaw 2nd Ruth Buffington and Mary Buffington. For South Kingston Catherine Collins & Elizabeth Peckham, For Providence Sarah Metcalf, Lydia Bacon & Abigail Arnold all present.-

Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings have been received, with answears to the 1st 2nd & 4th Queries & have been read therwith.-

Lydia Bacon informs she has attended to her appointment in the case of Anna Shaw.-

The General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of last year containing much pertinant counsel has been read to our satisfaction & encouragement.-

Our Esteemed friend Rowland Greene spread before this Meeting a concern that had rested on his mind for a considerable time to pay a visit in love to the Quarterly Meeting of Purchase in the State of Newyork, & also to attend their Yearly Meeting- producing a certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, expressive of their approbation of his said concern, after a time of solid consideration on the subject, & much unity & Sympathy being expressed an endorsement is prepared for men friends which is united with, & directed to be signed by the Clerk.-

Rowland Greene's Certificate granted

Transcripts of Epistles from Indiana & Ohio have been read at this time to our satisfaction.-

The time being expired for which the Clerks were chosen we

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have appointed Abigail Arnold, Betsey Reynolds & Mary G. Anthony to bring forward names of suitable persons for that purpose at our Next Quarterly Meeting.—

This Meeting concludes to meet again at Greenwich in the 5th mo. Next if permitted.—

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting
By Lydia G. Smith Clerk.—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 1st of 5th mo: 1828.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are.

for Rhode Island	Anna Dennis and Susanna Hathaway
Swanzey	Hannah Earl and Rebecca Shove
South Kingston	Mary A. Robinson and Mercy Dockray
Greenwich	Susanna Greene and Sarah Howland
Providence	Abigail Arnold and Elizabeth Smith

who being called are all present except ~~Elizabeth~~ Rebecca Shove.

The Clerk being absent, Hannah Gould Jun^r was appointed for the day.

The Queries with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read together with general answers which were approv'd, these with an account prepared and sign'd to the Yearly Meeting we forward by our Friends Lydia Brend, Abigail Sherman, Elizabeth Reynolds, Mercy Dockray and Mary Shove 2d. whom we appoint representatives to attend said Meeting.

A transcript of an Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

We conclude purposing (if permitted) to meet in the 8th month at Portsmouth.

Hannah Gould Jun^r Clerk for the day.

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 7th of 8th Mo: 1828.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Hannah Gould Junr & Anna Weeden

Swanzey Mary Shove 2d Sybil Chase & Susanna Earll

South Kingston Lydia Willbur Junr Ann Brown & Mary Collins

Greenwich Joanna Peckham & Lydia Anthony

Providence Lydia Bread & Phebe Metcalf.

all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Clerk and assistant appointed

The Friends under appointment to confer with some persons for clerks have proposed Hannah Gould Junr for Clerk and Sarah Searle assistant, which being acceptable to the Meeting, they are appointed for the year ensuing.

The Queries, together with answers to the first, second and tenth, have been read at this time.

The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting informed that all attended, and presented to this transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, Virginia, North Carolina, New York, Ohio and Indiana. also a very interesting and instructive Epistle and Testimony from our last Yearly Meeting which has been read at this time to our satisfaction, and is as follows. viz:

To our Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings, and the members thereto belonging —

Yearly Meeting Epistle

Our minds being introduced into exercise at this time, on account of the many and great deviations from sound principles which have appeared and prevailed among some of those, who have heretofore gone under our name, and being sensible of the obligations arising from our high and holy profession, faithfully to bear our testimony to the doctrines of the gospel, as set-

forth in the Holy Scriptures, and maintained by our Society from its first rise down to the present time; we are concerned to address all our members on these interesting and important subjects, as well with a view to their encouragement herein, as to evince to them our adherence to the Faith once delivered to the Saints.

As a religious society we are professedly christians, disciples and followers of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Under this view it becomes important to know what is required of us, in order that we may be found living up to this profession. Christianity is the religion taught in the Holy Scriptures. That volume glows with its spirit, teaches its doctrines, abounds with its precepts, exemplifies its blessed effects upon its faithful adherents, and exhorts to its being embraced in the love of it.

Some understanding of the nature of this spirit, these doctrines, precepts and exhortations, is certainly indispensable to all of us, before we can be qualified to support the profession we make. And in considering the adaptation of this holy religion to man's estate, it becomes important to enquire what that estate is. On this subject the Bible teaches, that man naturally, or as he is the son of Adam, is fallen, degenerate and dead, and incapable, as in this state, of knowing any thing aright, or of doing, as of himself, any good thing. And as this is affirmed of man, as he is the son of Adam, so it must necessarily include all mankind, the whole posterity of Adam. As he is in this state, therefore, his conceptions concerning God and things spiritual, are dark and unprofitable both to himself and others. This doctrine is largely inculcated in the sacred volume. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can

know it" Jer. 17. 9. The apostle, in his epistle to the Romans, thus describes a fallen world. "All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God." Rom: 3. 23. "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." Rom: 3. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. And the same Apostle further says: "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing. Rom: 7. 18. Hence the necessity, if man be redeemed from this state of degradation and misery, for the interposition of some more potent arm than his own, some Almighty Helper and Redeemer, who is able to save. Of this necessity the apostle was feelingly sensible when he exclaimed, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Rom: 7. 24.

From this view of the subject, we become prepared to acknowledge the wisdom & the value of the Christian plan. The prophecies & the scriptures are replete with promises of an Almighty deliverer from the consequences of the fall,

and of sin and Transgression. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." Isaiah 59. 20.

"Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him and his work before him." Isa: 62. 2. "Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a Leader and commander to the people." Isa: 55. 4.

"Behold my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men; So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see, and that which they had not heard shall they consider." Isa: 52. 13, 14, 15.

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa: 7. 14

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him: he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:
yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised
for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him,
and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have
gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the
Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened
not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and
as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who
shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of
the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
Isa. 53. verse 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

In the fullness of time this Almighty Deliverer came. "For
God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have
everlasting life." John 3. 16.

The apostle John describes, in a striking manner, the
advent of the Messiah, in the first chapter of his gospel. "In
the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by him; and without him was not any
thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the
light of men." John 1. 1, 2, 3, 4. "And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of
the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1. 14.

He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, lived and suffered in the World, went about

doing good enforced by his precepts and doctrines the [illegible] reward of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked [illegible] by miracles, and healing all manner of diseases and sickness among the people, he showed forth his power, his goodness and his wonderful works among the children of men, and finally made an offering of himself on the Cross as a propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world. "For Christ also hath once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." 1st Peter. 3rd. 18. "For yet when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Romans. 5. 6. "But God commendeth his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5th. 8.

Of the efficacy of this one great offering, the scriptures bear the most ample testimony. The holy apostle to the Gentiles dwells upon this most interesting theme, and enforces it in language that cannot be misunderstood.

"Much more then," saith he, "being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have now received the atonement." Rom. 5th. 9-10-11.

Of the universality of the blessed effects of this gracious provision the same apostle also bears ample testimony.

"Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." Rom. 5. 18.

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is man-

manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness: that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Rom: 3. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.

And the scriptures further testify that the blessed Saviour rose again from the dead. "He," who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Rom: 4. 25, and is set at the right hand of God in heavenly places; "far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." Eph: 1st. 1. 21st. "Who is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb: 7th. 25. "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1st John 2nd. 2. 1. "Him hath God exalted with his right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Acts. 5th. 31st.

The scriptures also declare that this blessed Saviour appears in our hearts by his spirit, according to his own testimony before he ascended to the glory which he had with the father, before the world was. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14th. 18th. "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the

comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." John 16. 7. "Howbeit when he the Spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth: he shall not speak of himself. but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you." John 16th. 13. 14.. And this free gift of the Holy Spirit is the purchase of that most satisfactory sacrifice of our blessed Lord wherein he tasted death for every man. "For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ". 2. Cor: 4th. 6th.

Of the divine character of this blessed Saviour, we have also the most distinct testimony. He is at once God and true man. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isa: 9. 6. "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2. 10 11. He testifies of himself that he was with the Father before the world was — And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. John 17. 5. and he also declares "I and my Father are one." John 10th. 30th. And we desire reverently to acknowledge to the Father Son, and Holy Ghost the one God, blessed for ever.

From these premises, with what boldness and force doth the apostle exhort us, to lay fast hold of the hope that is set before us. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God." Heb: 12. 1. 2.

And as an encouragement to hold fast this most precious faith, how many and gracious are the promises contained in the scriptures to the faithful, as "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Matt: 10. 22.

And as we thus believe in what our blessed Saviour has done, so we without we also submit to the operations of his spirit in our hearts, we shall be subject to his righteous government, and be conformed to his holy will. "Then indeed is he made unto us. "Wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." 1 Cor: 1. 30. Thus can we, with humble confidence, rely on his gracious promises, and look unto him as our hope our joy and our exceeding great reward. Thus an unspeakable mercy is proposed, made for our restoration and life and immediately we brought to light.

These things we steadfastly believe. We believe them because they are testified of in the Holy Scriptures and "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof for correction for instruction in right eousness: That the man of God may be perfect throughly furnished unto all goode works." 2 Tim: 3. 16, 17.

We believe them, because they contain evidence that they are the truth of God from the beginning to our present state; from the glorious hopes they are calculated to excite, full of immortality.

We believe them, because their fruits are the fruits of righteousness the [illegible] of the spirit; and the humble believers in these sacred truths, with self abasedness and fear, know to acknowledge that it is God who worketh in them, both to will and to do of His own good pleasure. We believe them, because they are witnessed unto us by the evidence of the spirit of truth in our hearts. "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God." 1st John 4th and 2nd 4. 2, 3.

We believe them, because the blessed precepts and instructions by which they are accompanied, and with which they abound, as they eminently tend to lead the mind home to God, evidence that they came from God. And these truths have always been assuredly believed and professed by us as a people, from our first rise as the following extracts from our early writers will abundantly testify.

Robert Barclay in his apology says: "The former part of this proposition though it needs no apology for itself, yet it is a good apology for us, and will help to sweep away that among many other calumnies wherewith we are often loaded as if we were despisers and deniers of the scriptures. For in that which we affirm of them it doth appear at what high rate we value them, according them without all deceit or equivocation, the most excellent writings in the world to which not only no other writings are to be preferred, but even in divers respects not compared thereto. For we say,

acknowledge that their authority doth not depend upon the approbation or canons of any church or assembly: so neither can we subject them to the fallen, corrupt, and depraved reason of man."

Barclays Apology, Page 68.

"All Adam's posterity, or mankind, both Jews and Gentiles, as to the first Adam, or earthly man, is fallen degenerated, and dead: deprived of the sensation or feeling of the inward testimony or seed of God; and is subject unto the power nature, and seed of the serpent, which he sowith in mens hearts while they abide in this natural and corrupted state: from whence it comes, that not only their words and deeds, but all their imaginations, are evil perpetually in the sight of God, as proceeding from this wicked seed. Man therefore as he is in this state, can know nothing aright yea, his thoughts and conceptions concerning God and things spiritual must be denied, even this evil seed, and united to the Divine Light are unprofitable both to himself and others."

Barclay's Apology. Pages 94-95.

"If then we may affirm, that Adam did not retain in his nature as belonging thereunto any will or light capable to give him knowledge in spiritual things, then neither has his posterity: for whatsoever real good any man doth, it proceedeth not from his nature as he is man, or the son of Adam; but from the seed of God in him, as a new visitation of life in order to bring him out of his natural condition: so that though it be in him, yet it is not of him. and this the Lord himself witnessed Gen: 6th 5th where it is said. He saw that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually: which words as they are very positive, so are they very comprehensive. Observe the emphasis of them; First, There is every imagination of the thoughts of his heart: - so that this admits of no exception of any imagination of the thoughts

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his heart. — Secondly, is only evil continually: it is neither in any part evil continually, nor yet only evil at some times. But both only evil and always and continually evil; which certainly can have any way as a proper effect of man's heart, mixt ally: for that which is only evil and that always, cannot of its own nature produce any good thing. The Lord expressed this again a little after, Chap. 8. Verse 21st. The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth: Implying him natural and proper it is unto him. Barclay's Apology, p. 78

We do not hereby intend any ways to lessen or derogate from the atonement and sacrafice of Jesus Christ, but on the contrary magnify & exalt it. For as we believe all the things to have been certainly transacted which are recorded in the Holy Scriptures concerning him, his life, miracles, sufferings, resurrection and ascension of Christ, so we do also believe that it is the duty of every one to believe it to whom it pleases God to reveal the same, and to bring to them the knowledge of it; yea, we believe it were damnable unbelief not to believe it when so declared, but to resist that holy seed, which as minded would lead and incline every one to believe it as it is offered unto them, though it revealeth not in every one the outward and explicit knowledge of it, nevertheless it always assenteth to it, ubi declaratur, where it is declared. Nevertheless as we firmly believe it was necessary that Christ should come, that by his death and sufferings he might offer up himself a sacrafice to God for our sins who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, so we believe that the remission of sins which any partake of, is only in and by virtue of that most satisfactory sacrafice, and no otherwise. For it is by the obedience of that one that the free gift is come upon all to justification. — Barclay's Apology, page 144.

From William Penn's Key, p. 10 we extract the following

following viz. "To conclude this brief account, I am constrained, for the sake of the simple hearted, to publish to the world, our faith in God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. We do believe in One only Holy & Almighty, who is an eternal Spirit, the creator of all things. And in the Lord Jesus Christ, his only Son, and express image of his substance, who took upon him flesh, and was in the world: and in life doctrine, miracles, death, resurrection, ascension, and mediation, perfectly dide, and does continue to do the will of God, to whose holy life, power, mediation and blood, we only ascribe our sanctification, justification redemption and perfect salvation. And we believe in one Holy Spirit, that proceeds and breathes from the Father and the Son, as the life and virtue of both the Father and the Son, a measure of which is given to all to profit with, and He that has one, has all, for those Three are One, who is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the Last, God over all, blessed forever. Amen." Volume 2, pages 66, 67. — 1671.

In his Key, &c. he thus speaks, viz. They believe in the Holy Three, or Trinity of Father, Word, and Spirit according to scripture, and that these Three are truly and properly One: of one nature as well as will. But they are very tender of quitting scripture terms, and phrases for schoolmen's, such as distinct and separate persons and subsistences, &c. are, from whence people are apt to entertain gross ideas and notions of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Works, Vol. 2, page 783. — 1692. And again — "Reader, I now plainly assert, that they believe the Light to be divine, and the Scriptures to be of divine authority: that they own the Scripture Trinity, or Holy Three, of Father, Word and Spirit, to be truly and

properly One: That Christ is God and that Christ is man: That he came in the flesh, died, rose again, ascended, and sits on God's right hand, the only sacrifice and mediator, for man's happiness. Works Vol. 2, pages 789, 90.—1692.

In George Fox's "Great mystery," replying to one who asserted that every man in the world should not have his sins pardoned he says:—Christ gave himself, his body for the life of the world; he was the offering for the sins of the whole world, and paid the debt, and made satisfaction, and doth enlighten every man that comes into the world, that all through him might believe; and he that doth not believe in the offering is condemned already—page 63.—1659.

In an essay entitled the "Royal Law of God revived," &c. he says—"And further saith the Apostle in 1st of John 1. 1, 2. "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole worlds." "Now mark, this a large word for all people to be notice of that Jesus Christ is a propitiation for the sins of the whole world."

Therefore every one of you, in your own particulars, know this, that Christ Jesus who is crowned with glory and honour, did taste death for every man; mark, for every man; and whosoever denies this doctrine is an antichrist, and preaches another is a false preacher and seducer, and brings people to trouble and loss, from that which is right, and their due, in which is their satisfaction: so these are universal things to all mankind, whereby all mankind might come out of the earthly old Adam, in the fall and transgression to Him that hath died for them all, and purchased them all, and tasted death for all, and enlightened them all, and gave grace to them all; and He willeth that all might be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth of Christ, who doth this: And whosoever teacheth another doctrine, brings people into sects and confusion, to destroy one another, where they have not natural

affections, and will do that to another, which they would not have others do unto them, who break the bonds thereby of civil commerce amongst mankind: and the religions, ways, and worships of all such, are no worships, religions nor ways to God, but set up by a dark, Jewish spirit, by which they destroy one another, which are God's creatures, about them, all which come from him, who is out of the truth, whom Christ came to destroy" Page 19th .....1671.

From a work entitled "Antichrist in Flesh unmasked" by Geo: Whitehead ---- the following christian testimony is extracted, viz. "We sincerely profess and declare in the sight of God and men, that we do faithfully believe and profess the divinity and humanity, or manhood of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the eternal word of God: and that in the fullness of time he took flesh, being miraculously conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary, and suffered the cruel death of the cross, as an universal offering and sacrifice, both in his body and blood shed thereon, for the sins of the whole world; and was buried and rose again the third day, and visibly ascended, (was seen in his ascending) and passed into Heaven and glory: and that he ascended far above all Heavens, that he might fill all things, and that by his suffering and sacrifice he hath obtained eternal redemption for us, which, through faith in his name and power, true repentance and conversion, we livingly receive and effectually partake of.

"That we are not pardoned, justified, redeemed, or saved by our own righteousness, works, merits or deservings;

but by the righteousness, merits and works of this our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, being both imparted and imputed to us, as He is of God made unto us, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Our reconciliation, redemption, pardon, sanctification and justification, having respect both to his suffering death and blood, upon the cross, as the one peace offering and sacrifice, and as our high priest, thereby making atonement and reconciliation for us, and giving himself a ransom for all mankind: and also to the effectual saving work of his grace and good spirit within us, bringing us to experience true repentance, regeneration and the new birth, wherein we partake of the fellowship of Christs sufferings and power of his resurrection. In which grace we ought to persevere in newness of life and faithful obedience unto him, the end, that we may be heirs of the eternal salvation, which Christ is the author of." page 30th — 1692.

Of the consequences of giving way to a spirit of doubt and disbelief, the present day is sorrowfully and painfully fruitful.

In our highly favoured and highly professing society, this spirit has made deep inroads, producing its own corrupt fruits. In many parts of our country, so desolating have been its effects, that he who ruleth in the children of disobedience, hath wrought fearfully among us. Doctrines at variance with the Faith of the gospel have been boldly promulgated, and confident denials of the essentials of the Christian religion have been openly avowed.

This unsoundness in principle, although so painful and distressing, is by no means new. In various ages of the Church, the same spirit hath been manifested. Within

our own borders, and at no distant period, similar defections have appeared. Under a high profession of great spiritual attainments, the seeds of infidelity were sown among us, and with the specious pretext of great religious experience, the necessity for watchfulness, and humble dependance upon the Lord, for preservation was denied by some, who even professed themselves to have attained a state beyond all fear, concern or possibility of falling; having entered into the heaven of rest in this life, and boldly asserting, that we could know nothing of any other heaven, nothing of any other life beyond the present, and that in this life were to be experienced all the dispensations that our blessed Lord passed through, even to the ascending up on high, and sitting down on the right hand of God.

As a necessary consequence of this delusion, the Holy Scriptures came to be lightly esteemed, and spoken of as a dead letter, an object of idolatrous worship, and as containing nothing instructive to such an exalted state. The Divine character, and offices of our blessed Saviour were, in like manner, treated with irreverence, His sufferings represented to have been for his own sake, and of no efficacy, as applied to us.

These antichristian sentiments produced their natural fruits, for those who had imbibed them, being puffed up in their own conceit, were unapproachable by the tenderest care of friends, and envy, strife and confusion were the consequences; and having no fellowship with the society, so they had none, one with another: and when the whirlwind and the storm which

their own unruly spirits had raised, were spent by their own violence, they passed away, leaving, in many instances, few traces of their former standing.

As in the natural, so in the moral and religious world, like causes must, and ever will produce similar effects.

Whenever doubts are cherished with respect to the fundamental truths of the gospel, the mind is rendered incapable of discernment in religious things, and the door is opened for the admission of all that is evil.

We have the afflicting information that in several of our neighbouring Yearly Meetings, this spirit of Antichrist is busily at work, producing devastation and distress; and declarations and testimonies against those sorrowful deviations in principle and practice, have been issued by them. Our minds have been introduced into deep sympathy with our brethren, upon whom much exercise and suffering devolve on this account; and we desire for them, and for ourselves, the blessing of preservation, that we may keep our ranks in righteousness, and be strengthened to contend, with firmness and true magnanimity, for the faith once delivered to the saints.

We are concerned also faithfully to bear our testimony against this spirit in all its specious appearances, whether under the guise of greater spirituality, or under the more open profession of libertinism and unbelief; and in the love of the gospel, we are constrained to warn all our members against its

desolating effects. But far away, we beseech you, the insinuating suggestions of the adversary of your souls happiness, which would lead your minds to doubt, for a moment, the truths of the gospel; whether these suggestions assail you as direct temptations upon your minds, or come through the instrumentality of others. Flee to the ark of rest and place of safety; put your confidence in the gracious Redeemer, trust in Him, believe on His name, and submit yourselves to his holy guidance; so shall your faith in him be renewed day, by day: for they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

We would inquire of such, if any there be, whose minds are in any measure caught in this snare; Have you considered, dear Friends, the awful consequences of defection in faith upon yourselves? Have you considered that if you reject the chief corner stone, the building of your hopes will not stand? that if you undermine the foundation, the superstructure must fall?

When the hour approaches, when you must bid adieu to all things visible, when the excitements of enthusiasm, the pride of opinion, the desire of renown will have lost all their power to console, where will the anchor of your souls be, who have refused the Christian's hope?

Have you considered the effects of your doubts and defections upon those who behold you? Has there ever been presented to your view, a mourner in Zion, who

convicted of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, goes sorrowing on his way, seeking a Deliverer, and crying out in the anguish of his soul, a Saviour, or I die, a Redeemer, or I perish forever?

To such an one will you say, the sacrifice of Christ is of no avail to thee, His death and sufferings have opened no way for thy escape? Suggest not, we beseech you, these sentiments of infidelity; present not this poisoned chalice to his lips; attempt not to cut off his only hope, and drive him to despair; but rather, give yourselves unto Christ, acknowledge him in all his ways, that he may yet lift you up; for in Him is plentious redemption and abundant mercy, to the penitent sons and daughters of men.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Yearly Meeting aforesaid.

Abraham Shearman Junr } Clerks.
Ruth Rodman — —

This Testimony and Epistle being considered appropriate and necessary at the present juncture, it is recommended that it should be read in our Monthly and Preparative Meetings, and that Friends promote its circulation among our members generally.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting informed this Yearly Meeting that they had disowned Elizabeth Hazard wife of Benjamin Hazard and that she appears from the Judgment of that meeting the said Elizabeth Hazard joined to this meeting an appeal, together with a communication expressive of her intention to prosecute the same: We appoint Hannah Dennis Ruth Brown Hannah Hazard Lydia Hazard and Abigail Stevens to visit a committee of our Friends who may be appointed to attend to the subject

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and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

A minute was received and read in this meeting from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New York from the 24th of 5th mo: to the 2nd of 6th mo: 1828. and one from Sufferers Quarterly Meeting held 31st of 7th mo: 1828. on behalf of our brethren and friends, both expressing that Love, unity and religious services amongst them, were acceptable.

Minute from New York and Case in behalf of Friends and our

A transcript of an Epistle from Ohio Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

This meeting concludes, proposing to meet if permitted at Swanzey in the 11th Month.

Hannah Gould Junr Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield the 6th of 11th mo: 1828. The representatives from the respective Monthly Meetings for Rhode Island Town[illegible] Hannah Hopkins, Abigail Sherman, Lydia Ann Buffington, Sarah Buffington and Deborah Stone, Smithfield Susanna Jenks and Elizabeth D. Peirce, South Kingston Mary A Collins and Mary Foster, Providence Mary Anthony and Lucy Paine; which being called are all present.

The clerk being absent Ruth Rodman is appointed for the day.

Ruth Buffington appointed

The Queries with answers to the usual time have been read. Reports to have been received and read from our several Monthly Meetings that four Queries contained information that they had appointed Ruth Buffington to the station of an Elder, to which she has united in Meeting and this conclusion

Yearly Meeting is apprentice to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting.

The following minute adopted by our last Yearly Meeting has been read at this time Viz:

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the 6th month, 1828.

[illegible] we have deemed it our indispensible duty to meet the exigencies of the occasion, by manifesting our unity with those Meetings that have continued steadfast in their adherence to the ancient order, discipline and Faith of the Society, and our disunity with those who have [illegible] to be received from, or transmitted to such Meetings as are known to have receded from the ancient foundation of the Society. — And Friends are cautioned against [illegible] to say who have identified themselves with the bodies thus receding; and all our members are advised not to attend Meetings that may be held [illegible] by such.

Until more certain information shall be received of the situation of the various Meetings within the compass of the Yearly Meeting of New York and other Yearly Meetings in which divisions, or a departure from those principles and practices which [illegible] as we hold to, is unhappily manifesting itself, we recommend to all our subordinate Meetings, the exercise of a sound discretion in the premises; and should any case occur in which any of our Meetings find it difficult to decide they

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they are requested to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its advice; and said Meeting is desired to give its attention to the subject and render all the assistance therein from time to time that it may be qualified to afford.

From the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid

Abraham Shearman Junr Clerk

A strict observance of the counsel contained in this Minute, has been feelingly recommended to us at this time.

We conclude intending to meet, if permitted, at Providence on the 2nd month

Ruth Wadman Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 5th of the 2nd Month 1829.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are, for Rhode Island Ruth Wilbur and Hannah Dennis Swansey Mary Shove 2d & Martha Shove and Elizabeth Shove. Greenwich Threelove A Greene and Anna Anthony Exeter Hannah Rose, Mary Foster and Elizabeth Sisson Providence Betsey Purinton Abigail Arnold and Sarah Buffington who being called are all present except one.

The Clerk being absent Lydia C Smith is appointed for the day.

The Queries with answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Hannah Shove informed that she had attended to the appointment in the case of Ruth Buffington.

The committee appointed on the 8th month last

Judgment of S. Kingston Mo. Meeting confirmed

on the appeal of Elizabeth Hazard reported that after having given the parties a full hearing they are united in desiring that the judgment of S. Kingston Mo Meeting be confirmed. This Meeting accepts the report, and confirms the judgment of said Meeting, having the concurrence of the men Meeting herein.

One of the Friends appointed sometime since to collect the minutes of this Meeting and record them, reported, that the appointment had been attended to, and the records returned to the Clerk of this Meeting.

This meeting concludes, intending, if permitted to meet in the 5th mo: at Greenwich.

Lydia C. Smith Clk for the day.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Greenwich the 7th of 5th mo: 1829.

By accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives are for Rhode Island Abigail Sherman and Hannah Gould Swansey Elizabeth Shove, Isaiah Chase and Susanna Eddy Greenwich Susanna Greene and Prudence A Greene S. Kingston Lydia Hiller Mercy Tuckaway and Hannah Champlin Providence Mary C. Anthony, Elizabeth Congdon and Susan Jones all of

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to attend the Yearly Meeting.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informed that they had appointed Isaac Peck to the station of an Elder with the concurrence of our Town-friends we unite with them therein. [illegible] is appointed to give this information to the Select Quarterly Meeting.

Appointment of Isaac Peck.

We were informed by our men friends that they had united with the Select Quarterly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Rodman to the same station, this meeting unites with them in this appointment.

Appointment of Thomas Rodman.

A proposition was made that Swanzey Monthly Meeting be held alternately at Somerset and Troy for the term of one year, which proposal has been approved it is accordingly next to be held at Somerset and the succeeding month at Troy.

Certificate to Rhode Island

Our beloved friend Rowland Greene disclosed in this meeting a prospect of attending the ensuing Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends in New York, with the meetings thereto belonging, he has a certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting which was read & the meeting satisfied therewith, the subject being weighty it was left over till next Third day, the subject being weighty was read in this meeting was fully and feelingly united with, much sympathy with him in the arduous engagement has prevailed in the minds of friends at this time and an endorsement has been prepared which the Clerk is directed to sign.

This Meeting concludes, purposing to meet in the 8 mo: at Portsmouth if permitted.

On behalf of the Meeting

Hannah Gould Jun.r Clk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends met at Portsmouth 5th day the 6th 8th. Mo. Representatives from several Mo. Meetings for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, Namely Hannah Hull and Lois Anthony, Swanzey Sarah Bufferson & Isabella Chase and Amma Thomas. Greenwich Lois Anthony and Treelove A Greene. South Kingston Susan Collins and Eunice Foster. Providence Sarah Metcalf and Lydia Reed. all present. One of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting informed that all attended except one, who forwarded a satisfactory reason for her non-attendance. Epistles, from most of the Yearly Meetings on this Continent, and one from London was received through the medium of the representatives, and those from Ohio, New York, Philadelphia and Indiana, containing much information, counsel, and encouragement, have been read in this meeting.

Abigail Sherman informed that she attended to her appointment respecting Joanna Peckham.

The Queries with answers to the first, second and tenth have been read at this time.

Our Women Friends informed that they had united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Loyd Greene to the Station of an Elder which having been weightily considered we united with them therein.

Appointment of Loyd Greene

A report of the Boarding School Committee has been read, and is as follows viz:

The Boarding School Committee report, That in pursuance of their appointment they have paid attention to the Superintendence of the Institution for the year past and believe that its various concerns have been conducted in accordance with the design of Friends in its establishment, and meetings for worship have been regularly kept up

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The School has been conducted during the past year under the care of Enoch and Lydia Reed as Superintendants, who still remain in that capacity, and Stephen and Hannah Gould have been usefully engaged as assistants in the cares of the Institution, for a few months past. Israel Jones, Moses Mitchell, Robert Haag, Isaac Price, Mary Amy, Lydia Bettle, and Sarah Fry, have been engaged as Teachers, during most of the year; several of these have left, or are about leaving the School, and the Committee have made and are making arrangements to supply their places.

The whole number of Scholars at any one time as reported to the Committee, was one hundred and eighty four; the average number during the year one hundred and thirty five: and the good conduct and improvement manifested, has been generally satisfactory to the Committee.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund, and of the Superintendant have been received and audited, and the state of the Fund is such that the Committee think it safe to propose to the Yearly Meeting that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve dollars and an half per quarter, and that the several Monthly Meetings again have the privilege of sending one child through the year, or two children six months each free of expense: and that when, from any peculiarity of circumstances, the Committee of Monthly Meetings may consider it desirable to send a child for three months only, they have the liberty of doing it, provided that no more than two children be at the Institution at the one time from the same Monthly Meeting, on this privilege. And being apprized that the two Monthly Meetings on Nantucket have been united into one meeting, the Committee after considering the circumstance, propose that the united Meeting has the same privilege of sending children to the school as has heretofore been enjoyed by the two Monthly Meetings separately.

Providence 5th Mo 8th 1829. Signed on behalf of the committee Moses Brown

The following Minute from our last Yearly Meeting with the state of Discipline thereto appended has also been read. viz.

Minute of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Rhode Island from the 14th to the 18th inclusive, of 6th month 1829.

The Committee on the state of Society proposed the adoption of the following Minute; which claimed the solid consideration of this Meeting, and being united with by this, and the Women's Meeting, is directed to be forwarded to all our subordinate Meetings, and to be inserted in the Books of Discipline in their possession.

From the Minutes of said Meeting.
Abraham Shearman, Jun. Clerk
Ruth Rodman, Clerk.

The importance of steadfastly maintaining our ancient principles, respecting the doctrines of the Gospel, coming renewedly under our consideration, we earnestly recommend and enjoin upon Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and upon all faithful Friends, to be watchful over our members, as it regards the profession of their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, both as to his outward coming in the flesh, wherein he tasted death for every man, and was the propitiatory sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world, suffering the just for the unjust, that we might be brought unto God through Him, — and to his spiritual appearance in the heart, for "unto them that look for him, shall he appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation." And if in any instance there should be manifested any deviation from our Christian principles in these respects, that they proceed to labour with such in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, endeavouring to bring them to a sense of their departure from our acknowledged principles, that if possible they may be restored to soundness of faith. And if there should be any who should persist in their errors, notwithstanding such labour in brotherly love, that our testimony be maintained by testifying against such.

This meeting concludes intending if permitted to meet again in the eleventh month at Swanzey

Hannah Gould Jun. Clerk.

11 mo: 5 d: 1829.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzey 11 mo: 5 d: 1829.

By Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the Representatives are viz:

For) Rhode Island Anna D. Wing and Susanna Hathaway
Swanzey Ruth Buffington and Rebecca Howe
Greenwich Lois Anthony and Prudence N. Greene
Sa Kingston Lydia Collins and Sarah Congdon
Providence Dorcas Paine, Mary G. Anthony and Phebe Metcalf,
all present.

The Queries, with Answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

A transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Virginia, and one from London have been read in this meeting to our refreshment and encouragement.

We conclude purposing to meet again at Providence in the second month next, if permitted

Hannah Gould Junr Clerk.

2nd mo: 4th 1830

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 2nd mo: 4th 1830. By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are viz:

For Rhode Island Mary P. Hazard and Ruth T. Earl.
Swanzey Mary Shove 2nd, Mary Buffington and Isabel Chase.
Greenwich Enclosed Greene and Bethiah D. Parker.
South Kingston Mercy Dockray and Elizabeth Peckham.
Providence Elizabeth Smith, Hannah Robinson and Betsy Thurston
all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries, with answers from our respective Monthly Meetings, to the three usually answered, have been read in this Meeting

Our men Friends inform'd, that they unite with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edmund Chase to the station of an Elder: this meeting concurs with them therein.

We conclude purposing to meet in the fifth month next at Greenwich if permitted

Hannah Gould Junr. Clerk.

5th Mo: 6th 1830.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at East Greenwich 5th Mo: 6th 1830.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings
the representatives are viz:

Rhode Island — Hannah Tefford and Hannah Dennis.
Swanzey — Anna Shove, Phebe Chase, and Sarah Buffington 3d
Greenwich — Elizabeth Reynolds. Susan Gould, and Lemma Peck.
Kingston — Mary Hallins Mary A Simson, and Mary D Brown.
Providence — Belsey Tourton. Eunice Gould Junr and Phebe A Hall.

all present except two, for whose absence reasons have been assigned
which are acceptable.

The Queries have been read, with answers from each of our Monthly
Meetings, & general answers collected therefrom, which with an account
prepared and signed to our next Yearly Meeting we forward by our
friends Hannah Dennis, Anna A Jenkins, Elizabeth Reynolds,
Elizabeth Peckham, and Anna Shove, whom we appoint our
representatives.

In the account from Swanzey Monthly Meeting a proposition
was received to hold said Meeting alternately there and at Troy
in the year ensuing, as has been done the year last which is united
with in this and the mens Meeting.

A Memorial from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, concerning
our dear deceased friend David Buffum, has been read, and feelingly
united in by this Meeting.

We conclude purposing if permitted to meet again in the
8th month at Portsmouth.

Hannah Gould Junr Clerk.

Portsmouth 8th mo: 5th 1830

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 8th mo 5th 1830. By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz:

Rhode Island Lois Anthony and Mary Smith.

Swanzey Mary Shove 2nd Elizabeth Shove and Catherine C Earl

Greenwich Lydia Reynolds and Maria T Hudson

South Kingston Mary N Collins and Mary D Brown

Providence Phebe Metcalf, Mary G Anthony and Hannah Smith Jun.

who being called, are all present.

In Love, together with answers to the first, and queries from each of our Monthly Meetings were read and considered.

By the account from Swanzey Monthly Meeting we are informed [illegible] Mary Shove 2nd: this subject obtained the deliberate consideration of this meeting, but the [illegible] reference to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that conformably to their appointment they all attended, and an acceptable report of the Boarding School Committee has been received, and read.

The following communication from our last Yearly Meeting has been read viz: An Essay, entitled "The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the American Continent" prepared by the Committee, composed of Committees from all the Yearly Meetings in America, & first convened in Philadelphia in the 4th month 1827) was read before our Meeting of Men and Women Friends, collectively assembled and being fully considered, was united with, unitedly, and fully approved, as embracing a concise dec-

declaration of the testimonies & testimonies which have always been held by our Society. This Document having now been offered to all the Yearly Meetings of Friends in this country, the Clerk was directed to add this minute in the extracts to be sent down, that the necessary arrangements have been made for printing it, and that a [illegible] will be published for the Meeting for Sufferings, with a sufficient number of copies to furnish one to each family of Friends within their respective limits.

The subject of marrying in the kindred by affinity, has been brought before the view of this Meeting, and duly & solid and deliberate consideration; and it is concluded that the construction of our Yearly Meeting as heretofore declared in the year 1778, (namely, that our members be not allowed to marry a deceased wife's sister or a deceased husband's brother,) shall hereafter be considered as the construction to be given to our printed Book of Discipline.

The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings to be inserted in the Book of Discipline in their possession.

Copied by direction from the minutes of said Meeting, by

[illegible]

[illegible] (Extracted to the 21st of January in the eleventh Month)

[illegible]

11th Month 4th 1830

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 4th of 11th Month 1830 By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings their representatives are viz:

Rhode Island	Mary Hicks and Hannah Gifford
Swanzey	Rebecca Shove and Mehetable Wood
East Greenwich	Lois Anthony and Freelove M Greene
South Kingston	Susan Collins Elizabeth Peckham & Mercy Dockray
Providence	Dorcas Paine and Elizabeth Congdon

All present except two, reason were given for their absence which were satisfactory.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

The subject from Swanzey Monthly Meeting rejected from our last Quarter having been examined in this meeting and weightily deliberated upon, is again rejected.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been read to our satisfaction.

We conclude intending to meet (if permitted) in the second month at Providence.

Hannah Gould Jr. Clerke.

2 Mo 3 1831.

At a Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 3rd of 2nd Month 1831.

The representatives from our several Monthly Meetings are viz:

Smithfield Ruth Smith and Susanna Arnold Uxbridge Lucy Thornton and Elizabeth Greenwich Elizabeth Reynolds and Joanna Peckham Providence Mary Thorp and Elizabeth Congdon

Upper Smithfield was for the present excused, for the reason given, & satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read, together with answers to the first, second and tenth from our respective Monthly Meetings excepting South Kingston: from which there was no written account received. It appears desirable to be informed at this time, that their Monthly meeting at a time when from an uncommon snow storm it was impracticable for women Friends to attend.

The subject from Swanzey Monthly Meeting in relation to the public appearances in the ministry of Mary Shove 2nd. and referred from our last Quarterly again obtained the solid attention of Friends, and resulted in the belief that it would be best to return it for the re-consideration of that meeting, and the clerk is directed to forward them a copy of this minute.

Information was communicated to us from the men's meeting, that our beloved friend John Wilbur had a prospect of making a religious visit to Friends of Great Britain and Ireland, and produced a certificate from South Kingston Monthly Meeting: and that the subject was referred under the care of a committee to the next Quarterly Meeting. She is desirous therein to obtain

we appoint Elizabeth Wing, Elizabeth Reynolds, Hannah Dennis and Hannah Gould Junr. to unite with our men Friends in said committee.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Virginia, Baltimore, Indiana and New York have been read at this time.

We conclude, intending if permitted to meet again in the 5th Month at Greenwich

Hannah Gould Junr. Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 2d, 5th mo: 5, 1831.

The representatives from our respective Mo. Meetings are viz.
Rhode Island Hannah Mott and Abigail D. Arnold.
Swanzey Mary Shove 2d, Ruth Buffinton and Susanna Earle.
Greenwich Dinah Sisson, Lydia Gould and Susan Gould.
South Kingston Eunice Foster, and Ann Brown.
Providence Elizabeth Smith, Dorcas Paine and Hannah Gould Junr.
All present except one; for whose absence a satisfactory reason was offered.

Rachel Thornton's certificate.

A certificate from Cuke Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d, mo: 18th, 1831, on behalf of our beloved friend Rachel Thornton who is now acceptably with us has been read at this time; and an endorsement on said certificate has been prepared and approved which the Clerk is directed to sign.

The Queries have been read, with answers at large from each of our Monthly Meetings, and general answers collected therefrom, which with an account to the Yearly Meeting we forward by our Friends Susan Ann Buffum, Dorcas Paine, Lydia C. Smith, Ann Hopkins, Ruth Buffinton, and Nancy Knowles whom we appoint our representatives.

5th mo: 5th 1831.

A proposition was received from Swanzey Monthly Meeting that said Meeting for the future should be held alternately at Swanzey and Troy: this Meeting unites with them in this arrangement.

No: Meeting to be held alternately at Swanzey & Troy

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia and South Carolina have been read at this time.

A report from the committee appointed at our last Quarter to consider the concern of our Colored Friends John Wilbur to pay a religious visit to Friends of Great Britain and Ireland, was presented, read and is as follows viz:

A Report respecting John Wilbur

The joint committee appointed at the last Quarterly Meeting on the subject of the concern of our Friends John Wilbur to pay a religious visit to Friends in Great Britain and Ireland. Report that the subject has received their united deliberation in several opportunities with him, and that nothing has appeared to obstruct his proceeding in the accomplishment of his visit, provided the concern continues to rest on his mind, and the Quarterly Meeting unites with his prospect.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Matthew Purinton
Elizabeth Wing.

East Greenwich 5th mo: 4th 1831

The report was accepted. A certificate from the Monthly Meeting of South Kingston on his behalf has been read and he having in a feeling manner disclosed his prospect, the subject claimed our solide deliberation, much sympathy and unity was expressed, and he encouraged to proceed in the engagement, an endorsement has been prepared in this meeting, which the clerks are directed to sign.

Our beloved Friends Rowland Greene returned the certificate granted by Greenwich Monthly Meeting and endorsed by this in the 6th mo: 1829. he informed us that he had accomplished the visit to the relief and satisfaction of his own mind. An endorsement has also been received at this time from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in New York: the half-years Meeting of Canada, the Quarterly Meetings of Duanesburg and Farmington, and the Monthly Meeting of Westbury and Jericho on Long Island, all expressing satisfaction in his company and religious engagements.

This meeting concludes unpraising if permitted to meet in the 8th month at Portsmouth.

Hannah Gould Junr. Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 4th of 8th mo: 1831.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are viz

Rhode Island Mary Hicks and Susanna Hathaway
Swanzey Asenith Chace, Catherine Earle & Anna Howe
Greenwich Freelove A Greene and Lydia C Smith
So. Kingston Eunice Foster and Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Elizabeth Smith and Hannah Gould Junr
all present except one

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

A copy of a Minute from Nantucket Monthly Meeting held the 30th of 6th mo: 1831, on behalf of our beloved Friend Mary Ewbank who is acceptably with us at this time, has been read in this Meeting.

Minute read for M Ewbank

also one from the same Meeting on behalf of our dear Friends Rachel Gardner who accompanied the aforesaid Friend, and is now acceptably with us.

The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended with the exception of one, who was prevented by indisposition: and we have received at this time Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in London, and from most of the Yearly Meetings on this Continent.

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and a report from the Boarding School Committee have been received and read in this Meeting.

Our beloved Friends Elizabeth Wing disclosed in this Meeting a prospect which had for some time accompanied her mind of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends in Baltimore, and produced a Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. The subject being weightily considered in this Meeting, the unity and sympathy of Friends was manifested and she left at liberty to proceed therein agreeably to the pointings of truth. an endorsement was prepared which was directed to be placed on her Certificate and signed by the Clerks.

Endorsement on E Wings Certificate

We conclude, intending if permitted, to meet in the eleventh Month at Somerset

Hannah Gould Junr. Clerk.

11th Month 3rd 1831

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 3rd of the 11th Mo: 1831.

Representatives from the several Mo: Meetings are met.

Rhode Island Mary Hicks and Hannah L. Mott
Swanrey Rebecca Shove, Mary Burrington & Anna Shove
Greenwich Susanna Greene and Dinah C. Sisson
South Kingston Lydia Collins and Eunice Foster
Providence Elizabeth Congdon & Elizabeth Smith
All present.

Our esteemed Friend Martha Meader who is now acceptably with us, presented a Certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, (State of New-Hampshire) held 7th month 21st 1831.

The Queries, with answers to the 1st, 2nd, & 10th read from our respective Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

A minute from Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting of Friends (State of New York) held 5th Mo: 3rd 1831 and one from Cornwall Quarterly Meeting held 11th of 4th month 1831 on behalf of our Friend Rowland Greene, expressive of the satisfaction of Friends in his visit and religious services amongst them, was received and read in this Meeting.

A transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Philadelphia has been read to satisfaction

Hannah Gould & Sun: informed that the time had terminated for which she was appointed Clerk and requested to be released: we appoint Elizabeth Congdon, Betsy Burrington and Elizabeth Reynolds to confer with some Friends for that station and report to our next Meeting.

We concluded, proposing if permitted to meet in the 2nd month at Providence

Hannah Gould Jun'r Clerk.

Rhode Island [illegible]

Providence 2nd Mo: 2nd 1832.

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are viz:

Rhode Island [illegible]

Nancy Sarah Buffinton Mary Buffinton and Anna Chase.

Swansey Lemuel Peck and Reuben Gray

So: Kingston Mary A Collins and Elizabeth Peckham.

Providence Mary B Anthony and Abigail Arnold.

present except one.

The committee appointed to confer with some person for Clerk of this Meeting have proposed Hannah Gould Jun'r which being approved she is appointed for the year ensuing.

Lydia C Smith was proposed as assistant in the place of Sarah Slade (who was desirous of being released) which being united with she is appointed for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 8th, 2nd and 10th from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this.

Our beloved Friends Mary Closby with a copy of a minute from Nantucket Monthly Meeting of Friends, held the 30th of 6th Mo: 1831 attended this Meeting in the 8th Mo: last; and visited some Meetings and families within its limits her company and religious services being acceptable, the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute.

Our beloved Friends Rachel Gardner accompanied Mary Closby in her visit to the Meetings and families she attended; her company having been acceptable the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Martha Meader attended our Yearly Meeting in the 11th mo. last with a certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Sandwich N. H. dated 9th mo. 21st 1831. She also attended most of the Meetings constituting this Quarter, her company and religious labours being acceptable the Clerk is directed to procure a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Rowland Stone presented to this meeting a certificate granted him by Greenwich Monthly Meeting, to visit in Gospel love the next Yearly Meeting of Friends in Virginia, with some Meetings thereto belonging, and some in the western part of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; the service being weighty, recommends the sympathy and unity of Friends with him in this engagement was unanimously and the Clerk directed to sign an endorsement to place on said certificate.

A transcript of an epistle from New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends has been read to our satisfaction.

Our Men Friends informed that Swanzey Mo. Meeting had requested Thoughts Shaw to the station of an Elder which was united with by this Meeting.

We conclude intending if permitted to meet in the 3d Mo. at Greenwich.

Hannah Gould Jun. Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo. 3rd 1832.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are viz:
Rhode Island Susan Ann Buffum and Susanna Rathbone
Swanzey Phebe Chace, Mary Thom 2nd and Sarah Buffinton.
Greenwich Susanna Greene and Phebe Congdon.
South Kingston Eunice Foster Mary A Collins and Mary A Robinson.
Providence Mary S Anthony, Betsey Turnton and Abigail Arnold
all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason
was assigned.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of the Mo. Meetings but belonging, general answers have been collected therefrom, which with an account to the next Yearly Meeting we forward by our friends Elizabeth King, Ruth H Thorbon, Caroline Tobey, Susanna Greene Elizabeth Thom and Mary A Robinson. who we appoint our representatives.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting informed that they had appointed Eunice Foster to the station of an Elder in which this and the Mo. Meeting unite. Mary A Robinson is appointed to communicate to the Select Meeting this information.

Our men friends informed that they had concurred with Rhode Island monthly Meeting in releasing David Rodman from the station of an Elder.

A memorial concerning our dear deceased friend Lucretia Peckham was read and approved and forwarded to the Mo. Meeting.

We conclude, purposing (if permitted) to meet in the 8th month at Portsmouth.

Hannah Gould Asst. Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 8th, mo: 2nd 1832

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are viz:
Rhode Island Ann Hopkins and Catharine Mitchell
Smithfield Anna Shaw, Ruth Buffington and Isabel Chace
So. Kingston Elizabeth Peckham, Martha Collins and Mercy Dockray
Greenwich Ipeclove A Greene and Anna Kinyon
Providence Betsey Burnston, Sarah Metcalf and Phebe Metcalf
5 of whom are aliens.

The Queries with answers from our respective Monthly Meetings to the first, second and 10th have been read at this time, and we have been tenderly exhorted to increased faithfulness in the performance of our religious and relative duties.

This Meeting was informed that Mary A Robinson had forwarded to the Select Quarterly Meeting the information of Eunice Foster's appointment to the station of an Elder.

The Friends under appointment informed that they had attended the Yearly Meeting and we have received Extracts from the minutes of said Meeting Transcripts of Epistles from nearly all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent and are from London. The Extracts have been read in this Meeting and to our satisfaction & forwarded by the Representatives to the 8th: Meetings

A report of the Boarding School Committee has been read which was satisfactory and is as follows viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee report, that they have during the past Year superintended the Institution and have cause to believe that it has been conducted in good degree as contemplated by Friends in the establishment. Meetings have been regularly kept up as heretofore the average number of scholars has

been one hundred and sixty three.

The School has been continued under the care of Enoch and Lydia Bond as Superintendants with the assistance of Reuben and Hannah Gould. Moses A Cartland, Pliny Earle Jr. and Jonathan Sloanm have been employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and [illegible] Moses A Cartland in the Girls. Moses B Lockwood & Cordelia W Horton have also been engaged as Assistants during a part of the year.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund and of the Superintendant have been received and audited. The state of the Fund is such that the Committee think it proper to propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one Scholar six months, free of expense, and that the price for Scholars generally be continued the same as last year.

The Committee believe it best to propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, the recommending to Friends to endeavour to send their children to the School, as nearly as may be, at the following periods, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months. And they would further propose, that children should not be sent for a less time than six months, unless under peculiar circumstances, the consent of the sub-committee be obtained for a less term.

Since our last report, the department of the School for instruction in the Languages and some of the higher branches of Science has been commenced under the care of Samuel J Gummere, whose services have been [illegible] to this Committee.

The terms for the admission of Scholars, not members of our Yearly Meeting, into this department, are One hundred Dollars per annum, exclusive of Books and Stationery, and no Scholar is admitted for a less term than one year, nor until permission shall have been granted for such admission by the Sub committee.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, the Committee have cause to acknowledge with thankfulness, that the Family and Scholars have been generally preserved in health.

Signed by appointment, and on behalf of the School Committee, held at Providence 3d mo 4th 1832,

Moses Brown
Elizabeth King

[Which report was referred to the consideration of a Committee composed of Friends from each of the Quarterly Meetings who at a subsequent Sitting reported, that they had carefully considered the propositions relative to a periodical admission of Scholars, and the requisition that children be sent to the School for a term not less than six months, (unless under peculiar circumstances,) and were united in the opinion, that the adoption of these propositions will contribute to the advantage of the School, and not injuriously affect the convenience of parents. ——— Which being read and considered, the foregoing report of the Providence School Committee, was in conformity therewith accepted, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.]

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island from the 10th to the 15th inclusive, of the 6th Month 1832

Abraham Sherman Jr. Clerk.

This Meeting concludes, purposing (if permitted) to meet in the 9th Mo. next at Swanzey

Hannah Gould (Newport), Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset, the 3d day of 8th Mo. 1832

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are, viz.

Rhode Island Ann Hopkins and Mary Hicks

Swanzey Phebe Chace, Isabel Chace and Anna Shove

Greenwich Susanna Greene and Phebe Congdon

S. Kingston Lydia Wilbur and Martha Collins

Providence Elizabeth Congdon and Lydia C. Smith

all present.

The Queries have been read, with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, to the 8th, 2nd and 10th — On account of the deficiencies which are herein spread before us, a renewed exercise has been manifested that we may individually labour for ability to remove these from amongst us, particularly that of yielding to drowsiness in our religious meetings.

Our men friends informed that they had united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting on the appointment of Henry Gould to the Station of an Elder, in which this Meeting unites.

acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia and New York have been read at this time; and we desire that the instructive counsel and tender admonition with which they are fraught, may tend to our edification and encouragement.

Our beloved friends Rowland Green returned his Certificate granted him in the first Month last by this Meeting and endorsed by this meeting in the Second Month. A minute was received from Virginia Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Gravelly-run Dinwiddie County, by adjournments from the 25th to the 29th of 5th month last, one from Eastern Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pasquotank in Perquimans County North Carolina held the 2nd of the 6th month and a ~~next~~ one from Piney Woods Monthly Meeting of Friends in Perquimans County North Carolina held the 2nd of the 6th month of the present year all expressive of the satisfaction of friends in their company and Epistles engagements, which information is accepted by this meeting.

Three of the Representatives whose non-attendance was noticed in the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting, being now present, assigned reasons for their absence which are accepted.

We conclude, purposing, if permitted, to
meet at Providence in the 2nd month

Hannah Gould Junr Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Providence 2nd Month 7th 1833.

The representation from our several Monthly Meetings
are viz:

Rhode Island Ann Hopkins, Catherine Mitchell and Hannah Dennis
Swansey Isabel Chase, Elizabeth Howe and Mary Howe 2nd.
Greenwich Phebe Congdon, Prudence A Greene & Prudence Greene.
South Kingston Lydia Gibbs and Lois Perry,
Providence Mary B Anthony and Abigail Arnold
all present except two.

The Queries, with answers from our respective
Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

A transcript of an Epistle from North Carolina
has been read to our satisfaction.

The Clerk and Assistant informed that
the term of their appointment had expired
and they were desirous of being released, we
appoint Joanna Peck, Phebe Congdon and
Lydia Budd to confer with some friends
for those stations and report to our next
Quarterly Meeting.

Our men friends presented a Minute on
behalf of our friend Lindley M Hoag, directed
to the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich N H which
was approved

We conclude, intending (if permitted) to
meet in the 5th Mo. next at Greenwich.

Hannah Gould Junr Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th month 2nd 1833. The representatives from the are viz — For

Rhode Island Elisa Case Ann Perkins and Hannah Gould.
Swanzey Mary Buffington, Catherine C Case and Anna Shaw.
Greenwich Phebe Congdon and Dinah Sisson.
South Kingston Lucy Rhodes and Lydia Collins
Providence Josiah Arnold Peleg Burton and Ann Mason
who being called are all present.

The committee under appointment to confer with some friends in Clerk and Assistant Clerk reported Hannah Gould for Clerk and Lydia C Smith Assistant, which being acceptable to the Meeting they are appointed for the ensuing year.

The Queries were read & the answers from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this, from which we have collected general answers, these with a communication to the Yearly Meeting we forward by our friends Lydia Brown Elizabeth King Elizabeth Shove Ruth Brown Phebe Congdon and Lydia Collins whom we appoint to represent us

This Meeting unites with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David Buffington [illegible] Elias Case.

[illegible] Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Friends in London and Baltimore have been acceptably read at this time.

Our beloved friends Rowland Greene presented to this Meeting a Certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity and sympathy of Friends with him in his prospect of attending the next Yearly Meeting of Friends in North Carolina, (and some Meetings within the limits of Virginia Yearly Meeting) the object obtained the serious deliberation of this Meeting and resulted in leaving him at liberty to attend to the services of that [illegible] an endorsement on said certificate was prepared which the Clerk is directed to sign.

A Certificate from Darlington Monthly Durham Quarterly Meeting, and from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London on behalf of our dear friends Hannah & Backhouse who is now accepted with us have been read at this time.

Our beloved friends John Wilbour returned at this time the Certificates granted him in 5th mo: 1831, and some account of the manner in which he had proceeded in performing the religious services which he apprehended required of him during his visit to Friends in Great Britain Ireland &c and produced a Certificate from the morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders held by adjournments on the 14th of 8th Mo: to the 21st of the same 1833 which was acceptable to this Meeting.

We conclude proposing if permitted to meet in the 8th month at Portsmouth.

Hannah Gould & Clerk.

Rhode Island & Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 1st of 8th Mo: 1833

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings the representations therein were as follows

Rhode Island Abigail Gould Rebecca Rodman & Hannah Almy

Swanzey Mary Chase and Ruth Chase and Hannah Earle

East Greenwich Joanna Peck and Ruth Anthony

So: Kingston Mary Robinson and Susan Hubbard

Providence Sarah Metcalf Lydia B Smith & Hannah Gould Jun.

Nine being called are present except two for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries were read with answers from each Monthly Meeting to the first; second and tenth.

The Representatives entrusted to attend the Yearly Meeting agreeably to appointment, and Have received extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, with transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York — The Extracts and the Epistles from Virginia, Indiana & London have been read at this time to our satisfaction and encouragement.

We conclude, Dear Friends, if permitted to meet in the 11th Mo. at Swanzey

Hannah Gould Jun.r Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 5th of 11th Month 1833.

By warrants from our respective Monthly Meetings their representatives are viz:

Rhode Island. Susanna Mathewson, Margaret Baker & Susanna Buffum

Swanzey. Ruth Buffum, Mary Shove 2nd and Isabel Chace

Greenwich. Joanna Pick and Anne Howland

South Kingston. Amey Knowles, Elizabeth Peckham & Lydia Webber

Providence. Mary Howland and Dorcas Paine. all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered. — One of the Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting gave a satisfactory reason for her absence at that time.

The Clerk and assistant not being present Lydia Bruce and Hannah Mott are appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read with answers to the same usually answered from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Received and acceptably read a certificate on behalf of William Evans from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Southern district, dated 7th month 31st 1833 - expressive of their unity and sympathy with him in his present engagement. Also a Copy of a minute from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Northern district on behalf of Joseph Snowdon companion to William Evans.

A certificate on behalf of John Meader from Berwick Monthly Meeting held 10th mo. 18th 1833 and one from Sandwich (N H) Mo: Meeting held 10th mo 7th 1833 on behalf of Benjamin Ivy both expressive of their unity of their respective meetings in their present engagements have been read to our satisfaction and the aforesaid friends have all been acceptably with us at this time.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Ohio, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York have been read in this meeting to our Satisfaction.

We conclude, purposing (if permitted) to meet in the 2nd Month at Providence

Lydia Bruce Clerk for the day.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 6th of 2nd Mo: 1834

The representatives from the several Mo: Meetings are viz:

Rhode Island Hannah King and Susanna Bathaw
Swanzey, Anne Shove, Rebecca Shove and Elizabeth Shove
Greenwich, Prudence A Greene and Joanna Peck
South Kingston, Eunice Foster and Elizabeth Peckham
Providence, Mary Howland, Abigail Arnold & Phebe Metcalf
who being called are all present.

The Queries, with answers from our respective Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read at this time.

Hannah Gould Jun'r Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich the 1st of 5th Mo: 1834

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are viz
Rhode Island Susanna Bathaw, Hannah Watts, Abigail Barker
Swanzey Anne Shove, Patience Chace and Rebecca Shove
Greenwich Ruth Anthony and Susan Pound
South Kingston Dorcas Babcock, Mary A Robinson and Hannah Knowles
Providence Mary Howland, Eunice Foster and Hannah Arnold
Who being called are all present except three, for the non-attendance of two satisfactory reasons were given.

The Queries with answers from each of our monthly Meetings together with general answers, have been read, these with an account to the Yearly Meeting are drawn up by our friends Hannah Dennis, Anna A Jenkins, Anna Shove, Lucy Anthony and Elizabeth Peckham, whom we appoint our representatives.

A Copy of a Minute from Westport monthly Meeting of Friends held at Westport 3rd Mo: 20th 1834 on behalf of our beloved friend Anna Macomber, and from the same Monthly Meeting held 4th Mo: 17th 1834 on behalf of her companion Eunice Tefft who are now acceptably with us, were received and read in this Meeting.

We conclude purposing (if permitted) to meet in the 8th Mo. at Portsmouth.

Hannah Gould Clerk.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Dover Second Day at Rochester the 5th of 9th Month 1831.

Representatives from each Monthly Meeting were as follows:

Dover Second Day — Hannah and Lois Anthony, Nancy Hall — Cocheco — Eliza Hayes and Susannah Hussey — Salmon Falls — Lydia B Reynolds — South Kingston Deborah Collins and Sarah Congdon — Providence Forces from Abington & Smithfield — No Meeting called one present except two.

The Queries were read and answered in our Monthly Meetings to the first, second and tenth.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended agreeably to appointment, and we have at this time received Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting — The report of the Boarding School Committee — A minute of the Yearly Meeting on the interesting subject of education with Queries annexed and Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Indiana, Ohio, Philadelphia, Virginia, Baltimore and New York.

Our beloved friend Anna Macomber attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a minute from Westfield Monthly Meeting and has since attended nearly all the Meetings constituting this Quarterly Meeting and appears to have been [illegible] our friend [illegible] Service [illegible] acceptable.

Council. Also the Meeting for Sufferings Epistles from Baltimore Yearly Meeting & Indiana Yearly Meeting; the Minutes of the Committee of Correspondence, Minutes of Committee of Conference, Minutes of Committee of Examination & Visitation, and to attend to business. This meeting unites with them in the Appointment.

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been acceptably read at this time and is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee Report, That they have endeavoured to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past Year, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution; which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction. Meetings have been regularly continued and harmony has been preserved. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty eight; twenty of whom have been taught in the department of the Colored for instruction in Languages, &c. The School is continued under the immediate superintendence of Enoch and Lydia Byrd, in which capacity they are assisted by Elisha and Hannah Gould.

Thos Griscom is still usefully employed to superintend the Library department of the Institution. Moses Cartland, Percy Earle, and Jonathan Thomas are employed as Teachers in the Boy's School, and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary H Griscom, Caroline Cartland, Martha Barker and Anna T Lockwood in the Girls. Samuel Gummere is continued in charge of the department for Languages.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled; and the Committee propose that the terms of admission be continued the same as last year, and that the privilege of sending one child, six months free of expense, be continued to Monthly Meetings. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of each quarter be paid in advance.

The Committee believe it proper again to recommend to Friends, in sending their Children to the School, to observe as much as may be, the periods of time proposed two years since, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months.

The importance of maintaining plainness of dress in the inmates of this Institution, has often claimed the serious attention of the Committee, and we think it right at this time to revive with Friends the necessity of having their children habited in plain attire, and that no articles of apparel, unsuitable through want of plainness, be brought by them to the School. And that the Committees of Monthly Meetings may be enabled to render the necessary advice and assistance, Friends are requested to be careful to make application to them for certificates, in sufficient season to afford them this opportunity.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, we feel bound to acknowledge, that the family and scholars have been preserved in health, and that the Institution continues to afford encouraging evidence of its usefulness to the youth of our Society. Signed on behalf of the School Committee, at a Meeting held 2nd of 5th month 1834

The following Minute from our last Yearly Meeting with the annexed Queries have been read viz:

The subject of the guarded, literary and religious instruction of the children and youth of the Society, having again been feelingly adverted to, claimed the solid consideration of the Meeting; and the importance of being possessed of a more intimate knowledge of the present state of Education among Friends in the various sections of this Yearly Meeting, being generally felt, a Committee was appointed, to unite with a Committee of the Women's Meeting, in considering the subject, and to report thereon at a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee introduced the following minutes of advice to subordinate Meetings; which being deliberately considered, were adopted, the Women's Meeting uniting therein; and the Clerk was directed to forward a sufficient number of copies thereof to our several Quarterly Meetings, for the supply of each Monthly and Preparative Meeting within their respective limits; and also the necessary forms for the returns proposed to be made to this Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Abraham Sharman, Jr. Clerk.

The interesting concerns of Education having seriously claimed the weighty deliberation of the Yearly Meeting, it is the earnest desire of the body thus assembled, that Friends may endeavor, wherever it is practicable, to establish select Schools within their Preparative or Monthly Meetings, (to be taught by exemplary members of our Society,) in which the Children of

Friends may be exempt from the dangers arising from improper associations, and moral and religious principles, in conformity to our Christian profession, be duly inculcated; the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament be daily read; and such improved methods of instruction be adopted, as will best promote their advancement in useful learning. These Schools should be visited monthly, or oftener, by Committees of men and women Friends appointed by the Meeting, before whom the Children should be exercised in the several branches taught in the School. And in those places where it appears to be impracticable to establish Preparative or Monthly Meeting Schools, it is desired that Friends may endeavor to institute Family Schools, in which the Children of one or more Families may daily assemble for literary instruction, by some Teacher qualified to impart it. And Friends are every where desired to exercise a becoming liberality in providing Teachers and means of instruction in all their Schools.

To keep alive a concern of such vital importance to our social and religious welfare, and that the Yearly Meeting may be furnished with correct information relative thereto, Preparative Meetings are directed to transmit to their respective Monthly Meetings, a Statement of the number of Children within their limits, agreeably to the subjoined Queries, and insert their answers in the several columns of the Form accompanying; which Returns are to be forwarded by the Monthly to the

Quarterly Meetings; and a condensed statement of the facts thus collected, to be prepared by the Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings, or by a Committee appointed for that purpose, and forwarded with their next annual accounts to this Meeting.

Queries to be answered by the Preparative Meetings.

1st. What number of Children are there in your Meeting, of an age suitable for instruction at School, say from four to twenty-one years of age? Distinguishing between male and female, and also distinguishing between those under the age of fourteen, and those over that age.

2nd What number of Children have been actually at School within the year? Distinguishing between male and female, and also between those under fourteen, and those over that age.

3rd What number of Schools have been kept under the care of Friends, in your Meeting, during the past year? Distinguishing between Preparative Meeting, Monthly Meeting and Family Schools.

4th What has been the average duration of the Schools under the care of Friends, within the year?

5th What number of Teachers have been employed in these Schools, within the year? Distinguishing between male and female Teachers.

6th. What number of Children are there in your Meeting who have attended District or mixed Schools? Distinguishing between male and female, and also those under the age of fourteen, and those over that age.

7th Is there care taken that the Books used in the Schools under the care of Friends, in the several departments taught in the Schools, are judiciously selected.

Our Colored friend Rowland Greene, returned at this time endorsed by this Meeting in the 5th month 1833. He gave a concise but interesting account of his visit, which he had been favoured to accomplish to the peace of his own mind; and presented testimonials from North Carolina and Virginia Yearly — Deep River and Lost Creek Quarterly, New Hope, Rich Square, Piney Woods, and Suttons Creek Monthly Meetings — all expressive of the satisfaction of Friends with the company and religious labours of this our dear friend, which were acceptable to this meeting.

We conclude purposing (if permitted) to meet in the 11th month at Swanzey.

Hannah Gould & Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 6th of 11th month 1834.

The representatives from our several monthly Meetings are viz:

Rhode Island Hannah Gifford, Hannah Hall and Ann Hopkins.

Swanzey Peleg Chace, Anna Shove & Sarah Buffington.

Greenwich Joanna Peck and Sarah Babcock.

South Kingston Lydia Hilbur and Eunice Foster.

Providence Betsey Durinton, Eunice Mosely & Mary Anthony, who being called are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries were read with answers to the first, second & tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

This Meeting concludes purposing if permitted to meet in the second Month at Providence.

Lydia C. Smith Clerk for the day.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 5th of 2nd month 1835.

The representatives from the several monthly meetings are viz:
Rhode Island Susan Ann Buffum Susanna Hathaway and Hannah Dennis
Swanzey Patience Chace, Mary Earle and Anna Howe
Greenwich Lydia Gould and Susanna Greene
South Kingston Lydia Wilbur and Eunice Foster
Providence Abigail Arnold and Elizabeth Congdon
who being called are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

Was read in this meeting a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting on behalf of our esteemed friend Sophronia Paige, whose company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and the answers to the first, second and tenth from our several monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend Rowland Greene in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern that has for a considerable time impressed his mind to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia and some other meetings as way may open for. He presented a certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, expressive of their unity with him in his concern. This meeting also unites with him therein and leaves him at liberty to proceed as Truth may open the way — An endorsement was prepared in the men's Meeting which was satisfactory to the meeting which the Clerk was directed to sign.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London and Baltimore have been acceptably read at this time.

This Meeting was informed that the time had expired for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed and that they desired to be released. Mary Gibbons, Susan Ann Buffum and Lydia Bread are appointed to confer with some Friends to fill those places & report at a future Meeting. This Meeting concludes, to meet in the 5th Mo: at Greenwich if permitted. Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Lydia C Smith Clerk for the day

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 6th & 7th days of 5th month 1835.

The representatives from our respective monthly Meetings are viz:

Rhode Island Ann Eaton, Margaret Barker, Susan Ann Burgess, Suanzy Smith, Charlotte Shove, and Catharine Greene, Greenwich Susanna Greene and Joanna Peck

South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham and Lydia Hall Jun^r, Providence Elizabeth Congdon, Mary Gibbons and Dorcas Paine who being called are all present.

The committee under appointment to confer with some Friends for Clerk and assistant have proposed Hannah Gould Jun^r and Lydia C Smith, which being acceptable to the Meeting they are appointed for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers from our several Monthly Meetings from which a selection has been made descriptive of the State of our Meetings, these with an account to the Yearly Meeting are transmit by our Friends Ann Eaton, Lydia Barker, Phebe Congdon, Emma Shove and Eunice Mosher whom we appoint our Representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Sophronia Rugg attended our Quarterly Meeting in the 2nd Month last with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends: her company and religious services were acceptable to Friends, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward a copy of this minute.

A Testimony of South Kingston Monthly Meeting concerning our dear deceased friend Abel Collins has been read at this time to our satisfaction. We desire that the clothing of love and devotion which characterized this our beloved brother may encourage us to an individual engagement to follow

him as we believe he endeavoured to follow Christ.

We conclude purposing to meet (if permitted) in the 8th month at Portsmouth

Hannah Gould Junr Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth the 6th of 8th Month 1835.

Accounts having at this time been received from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are as follow viz:

Rhode Island Hannah Hall and Hannah Mott

Greenwich Orielow A Greene and Dis Anthony

South Kingston Elizabith Peckham and Amey Knowles

Providence [illegible] Sarah Buffington and Hannah Tenny

who being called are all present except one who forwarded a satisfactory reason for her absence.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2d 3d and 9th [illegible] ings constituting this.

By the account from Swanzey Monthly Meeting we are informed that they approve the public appearances in the ministry of Mary Shove 2nd. The subject obtained the solid consideration of Friends, but a proposition to refer it to another meeting being made it was united with.

[illegible] Friend Mead elevates and his countenance declared that being recollected in the [illegible] Quarterly Meeting sentiments of the commencement of their respective Meetings have been read to our satisfaction

We are informed by the account from Greenwich that they propose that their monthly meetings

be held in future, in the order that is has been
kept for the past year, which ends the afternoon
of this meeting.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting
report that they attended agreeably to appointment,
and we have received Extracts from the minutes of
our last Yearly Meeting and Epistles
received. We have also received the Report of the
Boarding School Committee which is as follows viz.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee report, That they
have endeavoured for the past year to discharge
the duties committed to them in attending to the
various concerns of the Institution which have been
conducted to a great degree of satisfaction. In doing
this they have not been unmindful of the object & ends
in view had in prospect in the establishment of the school,
and of the wishes of the benevolent donors.

Visitors have been regularly kept up and Lectures
have been preserved. The average number of
scholars has been one hundred & sixty three,
eleven of whom have been pupils in the department
for languages &c.

Our friends Seth and Mary Davis of Dartmouth
have been engaged as Superintendents of the School,
to supply the places of our friends Enoch and
Lydia Bird, who have acceptably served us in that
capacity for the past eleven years, and now wish
to be released. Our friend John Grinnell has continued
his services in the Institution during the last
year but his engagement will terminate the first
of Seventh month next. Isaac Hathaway is employed
as a Book-Keeper and care taker of the Boys and
school house: and Christian Lake has charge of the

sewing school, and is care-taker of the Girls out of school hours.

The Male Education is known, George Read and Levi Coale are employed as Teachers in the Boys School and Mary Ann Parker, Martha Parker and Emmeline Aldrich in the Girls. Edward S Furnas having left the Institution, the instruction in the Languages will be continued under the care of George W Read. and it is proposed for the future instead of the terms heretofore established, that five dollars per Quarter be charged for the study of the Languages in addition to the ordinary price for scholars in the other branches of study.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled, from which it appears, that the receipts of the School from the funds and the amount paid for scholars, have about met the expenses, and the Committee concur in the proposal that the terms for board &c. be continued the same as last year; and the privilege of spending one week in each month at home be continued to each of the scholars. Friends are requested not to neglect the payment of the expense of each quarter to be paid in advance; inasmuch as inconvenience and loss have resulted from the neglect of this rule.

The Committee deem it proper again to recommend to Friends, that in sending their children to the School, the period of time proposed three years ago may be observed, as far as practicable, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, and in the first weeks of the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th months.

In reviewing the last year in relation to the Institution we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowledge the preservation extended to us, under

which the School has continued to be conducted
we trust, to the benefit of the youth of our society.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee

Arnold Livingston, Clerk.

Yearly Meeting Boarding School 5th mo: 8th, 1835.

This report was read and is satisfactory.

The following report of the Yearly Meetings Committee was also read viz:

The Committee on Education have taken into consideration the important subject referred to them. The religious and guarded education of our children, and youth, appears to be increasingly claiming the serious concern of Friends, and it is much desired that the impressions of our Discipline upon the subject of education may be revived in Friends' minds, and put in practice wherever it may be practicable.

The institution of family schools is considered by the Committee a very interesting subject; and we desire that Friends may be encouraged to keep alive a concern for their establishment as way may open for it.

We propose the following Queries for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, to be sent down to our subordinate Meetings:

1st How many Schools are there within your limits, under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting and Family Schools) and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the Year?

2nd How many children of Friends have attended Friends Schools within the year?

We conclude, proposing (if permitted) to meet in the 11th month at Swanzey

Hannah Gould Sec^r pro tem.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzey the 5th of the 8th month 1835.

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are as follows Rhode Islands Hannah Hall, and Hannah Mott, Swanzey Mary Shove Indy, and Abigail Brown, Greenwich Prudence & Irene and Lois Anthony, South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham and Mary Knowles Providence Phebe Metcalf Sarah Buffington & Hannah Almy who being called are all present.

The Queries were read, with answers from each of our respective Monthly Meetings to the first, second and tenth. In a view of the deficiencies therein spread before us, much concern has been manifested, and instructive counsel and encouragement has been imparted by exercised sisters, to those who surrounded by trials and weakness, are often tempted & tried.

The subject from Swanzey Monthly Meeting, referred from our last Quarterly Meeting, having been solidly deliberated upon at this time, the recommendation of that Meeting was united with in this and the next Meeting: to appoint our friend Anna Shove to communicate this information to the next Quarterly Meeting.

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Our beloved friend Rowland Greene returned the Certificate granted him by Greenwich Monthly Meeting, endorsed by our Quarterly Meeting in the second month last - with satisfactory information respecting his performance of said visit, and a minute from Western Quarterly Meeting Chester County, Pennsylvania held the 22nd of 5th month 1835 - which were acceptable to this Meeting.

Extracts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends in London, Indiana, and North Carolina have been read at this time to our encouragement, and we trust edification.

We conclude purposing to meet in the second month at Providence, if so permitted.

Hannah Gould Jun^{r} Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 4th of 2nd Month 1836.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings their representatives are as follow viz:

For Rhode Island, Susanna Hathaway & Hannah Dennis
Swanzey, Mary Shove 2nd, Phebe Chace, and Sarah Buffinton.
Greenwich, Susanna Greene and Anna Kenyon.
South Kingston, Amey Knowles, Eunice Foster, and Mary Foster.
Providence, Mary Benson, Abigail Arnolds, and Sarah Earle - who being called are all present.

The Queries were read, together with answers to the first, second and tenth.

Anna Shove informed that she had attended to her appointment in the case of Mary Shove 2nd.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting informed that approved of the public appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth Peckham. This Meeting after a time of deliberation expressed its concurrence our mind Friends also uniting therein. — Mary & Chace is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

from Providence Monthly Meeting,

A Memorial concerning our dear deceased Friend Obadiah Brown, was read and approved in this Meeting.

This Meeting concludes, purposing to meet in the 5th month at East Greenwich — if permitted.

Lydia C Smith Clk for the day

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 5th of 5th month 1836.

Accounts having been received from each of our Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named are as follow-viz.

Rhode Island Hannah Gould Junr and Susan Ann Bu[illegible]

Swanzey Asenath Chace, Anna Shove and Rebecca Shove.

Greenwich Prudence Greene and Ruth Anthony

South Kingston Dorcas B[illegible] and Eunice [illegible]

Providence Eunice Aldrich, Zelin[illegible] and [illegible]

who are all present except one who we were informed was prevented by sickness in her family.

[illegible] Monthly Meeting held the 28th of 4th month and one from West-[illegible] in behalf of [illegible] who are now accepted as [illegible] at this time.

answers selected therefrom, which with an account prepared and signed to the Yearly Meeting are transmitted by our Friends Betsey Purinton, Sarah Sutton, Joanna Peck, Elizabeth Wing, Anney Knowles, Hannah Dennis, Phebe Chace and Mary A Collins whom we appoint our representatives.

Mary A Collins informed that she attended to her appointment in regard to Elizabeth Peckham.

A lively and impressive memorial from Greenwich Monthly Meeting concerning our dear deceased Friend Daniel Howland, was been read to our satisfaction and instruction.

We conclude purposing (if permitted) to meet at Portsmouth in the 8th month next

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 4th of 8th month 1836

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings their representatives are viz—

Rhode Island Lois Anthony and Susanna Hathaway
Swansea Catharine Cook, Phebe Chace & Mary Chace 2nds
Greenwich Joanna Peck and Deborah Howland
South Kingston Deborah Collins and Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Dorcas Paine Betsey Purinton & Eunice Metcalf.

(the two last called are all present.)

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting all attended except one who was prevented by sickness. We have received Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which have been read to our satisfaction.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings to the first, second & tenth.

A Minute of the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London 1836
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This Meeting having become painfully aware, that in circulation among our members, various publications purporting to be treatises upon, and expositions of the principles of our religious society, in various points of doctrine; but which are unauthorized by the Society, and which give unsound and unjust views of our Christian principles, and are calculated to lead the minds of the unwary away from the faith once delivered to the Saints, and from a settlement in the blessed truths of the Gospel always most surely believed and professed by us as a people, have felt themselves bound again to declare their unshaken faith in the truths thus sought to be laid waste.

We have always believed, we have been unwavering in our acknowledgment and profession of the truths declared in the Evangelists, professing the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, that "He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the "Virgin Mary, [illegible] "went about doing good, confirming by his precepts and "doctrines, the future rewards of the righteous and "the punishment of the wicked, and by miracles, "healing all manner of diseases and sickness "among the people, he shewed forth his power, "his goodness and his mercy unto [illegible] "the children of men, and finally made an offering "of himself on the cross, as a propitiation for our "sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of "the whole world." —

And we are prepared to confess, that no other Foundation can any man lay than that is laid,

which is Jesus Christ; or in the words of George Fox to the governor of Barbadoes, "This Jesus, who was "the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, is our "foundation; and we believe there is no other foundation to be laid, but that which is laid, even "Jesus Christ; who tasted death for every man, "shed his blood for all men, and is the propitiation "for our sins." "We have also been constant in the profession of our belief in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and in accordance with the testimonies Robert Barclay, do freely confess, that "whatsoever doctrine is contrary to their testimony may therefore be justly rejected as false." And further in the words of the same writer, "We do firmly believe that "this is no other gospel nor way to be preached, "but that which was delivered to the Apostles, "and do freely subscribe to that saying, Let him "that preacheth any other gospel than that which "hath been already preached by the apostles, and "according to the scriptures, be accursed."

But while we have thus held and constantly professed, we have also been steadfast in our belief according to the scriptures that this blessed Saviour appears in our hearts by his Spirit, according to his own testimony before he ascended to the glory which he had with the Father before the world was: "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto you" John 14. 18. And to the testimony of the Apostle "For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face

of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. 4. 6. And we have ever been concerned to direct all to the light of Christ in the secret of the soul, as that principle of Divine Life by which alone regeneration and sanctification are to be witnessed; by which alone our dark hearts can be illuminated, and we be made truly alive unto God. That while we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of our sins, and that those who were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ; we also firmly believe, that it is only through living faith in Him that we can come to experience the blessed effects of what he hath wrought out for us; and this faith is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.

We are concerned primarily to bear our testimony to the spirituality of the Christian religion, that as the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, in our fallen and unregenerate estate, so it is in the heart that the work of grace must be experienced; and that in order thereto, we must submit to the examining operations of his Spirit there, become subject to his righteous government, and conformed to his holy will. Christ is made unto us of God wisdom, righteousness, and sanctification and redemption. 1st Cor. 1st. 30. It is only as we thus dwell under the influences of the Holy Spirit in our minds, that we can experience any right qualifications to labour in the blessed Master's cause; and may we all seek after and wait for the fresh anointing of this heavenly guide, ever bearing in mind this declaration of Christ. "Without me ye can do nothing."

We are concerned to exhort all our members to seek a settlement in these everlasting truths

and avoiding all speculation, rather humbly pray for ability in meekness and simplicity to obey God's holy will. Avoid therefore, we beseech you, all unprofitable reading, and the reception of those unsound doctrines and sentiments which are now in circulation. Take recourse to and read and meditate in the Holy Scriptures, with humble prayer to the Lord that he would open your hearts to receive and savingly apply the divine truths of the Gospel; — so shall you be made partakers of His salvation.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters, we have no new doctrines to offer, but we feel earnestly engaged to exhort all our fellow members to a careful observance of that solemn warning of our Lord and Saviour: "The time shall come when [illegible] "Lo, here is Christ, or lo, he is there; go not after them."

[illegible] Meeting, by

(Abraham Sharman, Jun.r
[illegible]) Clerks

[illegible] Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings on the Continent and one from London have been received at this time.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee together with a minute of regulations and advice agreed on by the Committee in the 8th Month last have been read and are as follows viz.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured, during the past year,

to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, in superintending the various concerns of the Institution.

Three of our teachers, Seth and Hannah Davis have, at their request, been released from their engagement as Superintendents, and Enoch & Lydia Brown have ceased to be employed. Of the Boys' School, Edwin Balderston, Caleb Clement, Louis Tabor, and Columbus Hendrix, are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Hannah Burton, Emmeline Edrich, and Elizabeth H. Osborne, in the Girls'. George W Read is employed as Instructer in the Languages. Isaac L Hathaway continues to exercise a care over the Boys' out of school hours, and to act as book-keeper.

The Treasurer's and Superintendents accounts have been settled, and it appears that on account of some improvements in the buildings and for other purposes, some expenses have accrued beyond the usual expenditures, and that the receipts for board and tuition, from the income of the funds, and from other sources, have fallen short of meeting the expenses, about one thousand dollars. And in contemplating which, we think proper to propose, that the price for the admission of scholars, and the privilege to Monthly Meetings, be continued the same as last year.

On the 8th month last, the accounts were examined on the part of Women Friends, and found correct to the several Monthly Meetings, and there appears at the general time to be

a cheerful conformity on the part of the inmates of the Institution, to the regulations therein contained.

The average number of Scholars during the past year, has been one hundred and twenty-seven. Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony prevails.

In addition to the attention usually given to the School the Committee deem it proper to inform this Yearly Meeting that in the tenth and fourth months a Select Committee visited the Schools, and spent several days in investigating the improvement of the Scholars and the condition of the Institution. By the Report of this Committee we are informed, that the state of the Schools, with respect to their improvement was very satisfactory, the classes of the Scholars evincing an industrious attention to their various studies. They also inform us, that the Schools are under good government, the children appearing readily to conform to the rules of the Institution.

On behalf of the Committee,

Arnold Longdow, Clerk.

At a meeting of the Committee of the New-England Yearly Meeting Boarding School, held 8th Month 7th 1835 —

The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of frugality & strict economy and of hard, honest, labor, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, & such a lively concern on this account prevailed

manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends and to point out more explicitly than we have heretofore done, what we consider a proper dress for the children of this School.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimonies in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his Apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a hedge around us, which it has ever been perilous to break down; and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." And "let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, and of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price."

We are anxious, dear friends, that you should be impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver — that your hopes and dependence may be in Him — have

how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech and behaviour, which is strictly required in the School. And it will be expected of every male admitted into this Institution, that his body-coat, jacket and vest be single breasted, and without lapels, or falling collars, and where any of these are figured, that they be of patterns consistent with the plainness required in other parts of the dress — and that they wear hats, caps being excluded.

In the dress of females we expect a correspondent degree of plainness, and that they avoid the extravagance of the fashions of the present day. They will be required to wear silk, or plain straw bonnets, without any trimmings for ornament. Their frocks or gowns should be of materials that are plain in colour, and conformable in the size of the sleeves, and in other respects to convenience and propriety, and not according to the vain fashions of the world. Their handkerchiefs

and collars should be without edgings and trimmings — and no article intended for ornament merely, will be permitted to be worn.

In order to carry into effect these regulations, the Superintendents are to examine the trunks and packages of the children previous to admission, and if any articles are found unsuitable on account of plainness, or for any other cause, they will be laid aside, or altered, and the expense be charged to the parents or guardians.

No scholar will be admitted into the School after the present quarter, or permitted to remain there, who does not comply strictly with these regulations. And the Committees of Monthly Meetings are desired to be careful not to give certificates to any children who will not conform thereto.

On behalf of the Committee
Arnold Lingdon Clerk.

The report of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education was accepted & filed at this time.

Our beloved friend Anna Macomber attended our [illegible] Meeting, and having visited the Meetings which she had a prospect attending, and her company and religious services having been acceptable to friends the Clerk is directed to [illegible] a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Mary Card having accompanied our friends [illegible] and her company and religious services having also been acceptable to friends the Clerk is directed to forward a similar minute to the Monthly Meeting

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Hicks produced in this Meeting a concern which has long rested in her mind, as expressed in the accompanying Minute. The subject obtained the unity and sympathy of Friends, and she was encouraged to pursue her prospect agreeably to the judgment of Truth. She being a minister in good esteem — the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the Meeting.

At conclude purposing to meet in the 11th Month at Somerset if permitted

Hannah Gould Junr, Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 3rd & 4th 11th month 1836

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz.

Rhode Island Hannah Mott & Mary Hicks

Swansey Mehitable Wood, Isabel Sarah Buffenton & Deborah Shove

Greenwich Phebe Congdon & Susanna Greene

South Kingston Anna Knowles & Mary A Collins

Providence Eunice Metcalf, Elizabeth Congdon & Mary A Buffenton

Who being called are present, except Jane.

The Queries have been read with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings: the acknowledgment of deficiencies in the attendance of our Religious Meetings particularly those in the middle of the week have been expressing to the minds of Friends, and we have been

encouraged to greater diligence therein, and admonished to press through the difficulties that may obstruct our faithful performance of this reasonable duty.

A transcript of an Epistle from Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting has been acceptably read in this Meeting

We conclude, purposing to meet on the 2nd month at Providence if permitted

Hannah Gould & Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held Providence the 2nd of 2nd month 1837

Accounts being received from our respective monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are as follow - for Rhode Island, Hannah Gifford and Hannah Davis Swanzey Phebe Chace, Rebecca Shove, and Mary Shove - Greenwich Joanna Peck, Sarah Babcock, and Anna Kenyon South Kingston Eunice Foster and Lydia Wilbur Jr - Providence Mary G Anthony, Hannah Robinson and Dorcas Paine who being called are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries were read, together with answers to the 1st 2nd & 3rd and Certificates from Berwick Monthly Meeting on behalf of our beloved friends John and Elizabeth Heasley have been read and their company and religious services have been acceptable to us at this time.

[illegible] for our beloved friend Susan Rowland, and one for our dear friend Mary Rowland have been read, their company [illegible]

Our friend Daniel Clapp is acceptably in attendance of this meeting with a copy of a minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting.

Our men friends informed that they are united with [illegible] of Daniel Anthony to the station of an Elder, in which this Meeting unites.

the London Epistle of 5th Month 1836 has been read to our satisfaction.

We conclude, purposing to meet again in the 5th month at Greenwich 7 hours P.M.

Lydia B Smith Clerk to the day—

Preparative Meeting held at East Greenwich the 1st of 5th Month 1837.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that their representatives are as follow viz.

Rhode Island Hannah Gould & Susanna Burgess & Hannah Mott.
Swansey Elizabeth Howe, Anna Howe, and Isabel Chace.
Greenwich Joanna Peck, Ruth Greene and Prudence A Greene.
[illegible]
Providence Phebe H Holden, Dorcas Rainé and Sarah Sarle.
who being called are all present except two, one of whom [illegible]

The Clerk being absent Hannah Mott is appointed to serve for the day.

The Queries have been read, with answers from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this, from which general answers have been collected, which with a communication to this Yearly Meeting,

[illegible] Wilbur, whom we appoint our representatives.

[illegible] attended our last Quarterly Meeting, has we are informed

[illegible]

Friends — Her co[illegible] with that of her companion Mary Hawkins [illegible]

A minute from [illegible] Monthly Meeting
[illegible] Meeting of Representatives of
this body with our dear friend Rachel Dick
in the [illegible] was [illegible]
read; and she being with us in attendance of
this Quarterly Meeting, the minute was
[illegible] and she is at liberty.

This Meeting is [illegible] to meet
in the 8th month at Portsmouth if permitted.

Samuel Hoag Clerk pro tem.

Third Session Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 2nd of 8th month 1827.

By accounts received from our monthly Meetings the representatives respectively were as follows

Rhode Island & Sarah Peckham and Dorcas Brown
Swansey Hannah Chace & Lydia Chace
Freetown Abigail Borden
Dartmouth Mary Tobey
Sandwich Mary Robbins, Susannah Wing
Nantucket Mary Coleman, Lydia Starbuck, Deborah Gardner

The Meetings not represented & those called are present except two who [illegible] satisfactory reasons for their non attendance.

The Friends appointed as representatives to this Quarterly Meeting all attended except one who was prevented by sickness.

The Epistles were read, together with minutes of the first Quarterly Meeting.

A certificate from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on behalf of our dear friend Rachel Dick in unity with us at this time, has been read to our satisfaction, the Clerk is [illegible] to sign

[illegible] and sign the same on behalf of the meeting.

[illegible] from the Monthly Meeting. The Select Committee [illegible] of Friends, was united with, and she being a [illegible] therein as best Wisdom may direct.

[illegible] and furnish her with a Copy hereof.

[illegible] from the minutes of our Last Yearly Meeting, transmitted by Epistle received with the Epistles from other Yearly Meetings [illegible] Christian communities on the subject of Slavery.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Visitors [illegible] that they [illegible] the families entrusted to their [illegible] Meetings during the first Week, in giving their attention to the various concerns of the Institution.

Meetings have been regularly continued and [illegible]. The average number of scholars [illegible] one hundred and thirty four. [illegible] scholars in the Institution who are not members of our Religious

Society, all but two of whom are connected with Friends.

Our Friends Enoch and Lydia Brend have continued, acceptably, to [illegible] superintendents, during the past year, but desiring to be relieved, we have at this time agreed with our friends Reuben C. and Ann Pattison, to serve the Institution in that capacity, who are expected to enter into their service the first week in 4th month.

Edward Brockenbrough, [illegible] Thomas Smith and Lewis Faber are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Margaretta Parker, [illegible] Sarah Ann Hall is employed as assistant in the Languages. Isaac Hall continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of school hours, and to act as their keeper; and Prudence Grant is employed as a caretaker of the Girls, and has charge of the Sewing School.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the Institution is in debt, $5,158 65 cts. This debt may be ascribed, principally, to the [illegible] the past two years, [illegible] required in the family, and to the [illegible] been so large [illegible] into into the School, who are not members of our Society, the terms of whose admission are higher than for members. In order to meet the present deficiency, we have appointed the Treasurer to [illegible] the sum of [illegible] dollars. It appearing to the Committee, that some means must be adopted to liquidate this debt, and to meet the probable [illegible] the following [illegible] Stationery, Books and Stationery be charged to the Scholars, at their cost at

wholesale; that the privileges granted Monthly Meeting
to [illegible]; that the [illegible]
of [illegible] children who come [illegible] the two western
Quarterly Meetings, be reduced from six to four
cents per week; and that the usual price of board
& tuition, (for scholars in the Family Meeting,)
be raised to seventeen dollars per quarter, payable
as heretofore, in advance — to commence on the
first of eighth month next. By adopting this ar-
rangement, with the probable reduction of cost in
the articles of consumption, it is believed that the
[illegible] may be [illegible], and the debt
gradually discharged.

The amount of funds belonging to the Institu-
tion [illegible] dollars, including
the [illegible] from the funds
Moses Brown, is $6650. It is proposed that this
[illegible] be distributed from
the general funds, and the income will then
support twelve children, six months each, at for-
ty dollars per quarter.

We have continued to appoint committees to
examine the School semi-annually, who, on these occa-
sions, have devoted several days to the service. By their
reports we are informed, that the general appearance
of the School has been such as to give them much sat-
isfaction. The scholars have given encouraging
evidence of attention to their various studies, in
most of which they have exhibited a proficiency
[illegible] to their [illegible] and to their teachers.

There has been an agreeable manifestation of
[illegible] family, on the part of the children, to the
advices of Friends in respect to plainness.

In admitting to the past year we feel bound to

acknowledge the preservation that has been mercifully extended to us, under which we trust, the School has been continued in good order, in accordance with the intentions of the Yearly Meeting in its establishment.

On behalf of the Committee,

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.

Boarding School, 5th of 5th Mo: 1837.

The report of the Committee on the subject of Education was also read, and the solid attention of Friends has been directed to the importance of this very interesting concern.

The following minute of [illegible] has been read in this, viz.

[illegible] exercise for the preservation and right advancement of the Christian testimonies which is languishing in, to a great extent, the [illegible] various other bodies of professing Christians, — a concern has prevailed, that in all our movements to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, whether it be the amelioration of the condition of our fellow men under oppression, or the moral and religious improvement of our brethren of the human family generally, — a recurrence may be had, by all our members to the ground of religious concern, and to the guidance of that Wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, — and which is profitable to direct us in the paths of safety. And under this exercise, an earnest desire has been felt, that we may do nothing to compromise the testimony to the Spiritual nature of Divine worship, borne by our early Friends,

[illegible] to [illegible] religious
[illegible] with which they [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
in which they were scattered, a testimony to
the operative influence of the Spirit of Truth
for the [illegible], to [illegible]
to [illegible] necessary to the performance of every religious act,
and for our guidance in every good word
and work. And while we desire that we
may all maintain a spirit and temper
[illegible]
or in any way attempting to impede the
well meant endeavours of others to promote
any of the objects of Christian benevolence
or of moral reform, that occupy the attention
[illegible]
[illegible]
precious testimonies to which we have alluded,
and our influence, as a religious Society,
in promoting the important objects, alike
[illegible]
[illegible]
our peculiar principles.

Under these considerations, we have believed, that to open our meeting-houses
to Lecturers, whose opinions and principles,
[illegible] that we consider of pri-
mary importance, as resting different
from ours, and which we apprehend are
[illegible]
[illegible]

the minds of our members, from our establishment in the truth of those principles which [illegible] maintained by us, and from a practical exemplification of them in our conduct. It is therefore our advice and judgment, that all such applications for the use of our meeting-houses, may be discountenanced by Friends.

Extracted from the Minutes,

Abraham Shearman Jr. Clerk.

This Meeting concludes, purposing if so permitted, to meet in the 11th month at Somerset.

Hannah Gould Jun.r Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 2nd of the 11th Month 1837.

By accounts furnished by our own respective Monthly Meetings their representatives are viz:

Rhode Island, Hannah Gould and Abigail Barker
Swansey, Ruth Bufinton, Mary Chase and Susan Anne
Greenwich, Catherine C Eno and Joanna Peck.
South Kingston, Mary A Collins and Eunice Foster.
Providence, Elizabeth Harder, Elizabeth Smith and Anna Wilbey.

who being called are all present except one.

The Queries have been read together with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of the Monthly meetings constituting this Quarter.

Our friends Abigail Johnson is acceptably in attendance of this Quarterly Meeting with a minute from Moses Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Our beloved friend John Wilbur informed this Meeting that he had for some time had a prospect of visiting the Meetings of Friends in the Southern part of the State of New York, and appointing some meetings in Connecticut, as directed in a Certificate granted him by South Kingston Monthly Meeting: the sympathy and unity of this meeting was manifested, and the Clerk directed to sign an endorsement prepared for him.

The London printed Epistle of the present year has been read at this time, containing solemn warning, and instructive counsel

We conclude, purposing if permitted, to meet again in the second month at Providence.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 1st of 2nd month 1838

By accounts received from each of our monthly Meetings their representatives are, viz.

Rhode Island, Ann Kenyon, Hannah Gifford and Susanna Gray

Swanzey, Isabel Chase, Anna Shove and Patience Chase

Warwick, Phebe Greene and Phebe Congdon

South Kingston, Elizabeth Peckham and Eunice Foster

Providence, Mary G. Anthony, Elizabeth Congdon & Susan Paine

who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read together with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from each of the monthly meetings constituting this Quarter.

We are informed through the medium of a Young Friends Meeting that Rebecca Chase is hurtful from the judgment of that Monthly Meeting; whereupon we

appoint [illegible], Lydia A Smith, Hannah Stow and Elizabeth Smith to investigate the subject in connection with a Committee from [illegible] and the Committee from the aforesaid Monthly Meeting, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Anna A Jenkins returned to this Meeting the Minute which this meeting granted her with in the 8th month last, accompanied by an endorsement from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting held in the 10th month last— she also informed that the concern therein expressed, had been accomplished to the peace of her own mind.

We conclude purposing to meet in the 5th month at East Greenwich if permitted

Lydia A Smith Assistant Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly [illegible] held at East Greenwich the 3rd [illegible]

The accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings informs us that their representatives are viz

Rhode Island, Ann Hopkins and Hannah Gifford.

Swansey, Deborah Shove, Ruth Chase and Ruth B Buffington.

Greenwich, Susanna Greene, Ruth Greene and Abelone A Greene.

Kingston [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of our Monthly Meetings and general answers reflected [illegible]

[illegible]

Joanna Peck, Mary G Anthony, Elizabeth Peckham, Elizabeth Meader, Ann Hopkins, Susan Ann Buffum and Mary Shove, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Friends who were appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to give their attention to the appeal of Rebecca Chase [illegible]

[illegible]

Your Committee appointed to investigate the case of Rebecca Chase's appeal, report, that they have met and conferred together on the subject: and having notified the Chase several times of the time and place of our meeting; and she not appearing to prosecute her complaint, it is our judgment that Friends have nothing further to do in her case.

Matthew Purinton
Lydia C Smith

The report was accepted in this and the mens Meeting; and the subject dismissed.

We conclude purposing to meet at Portsmouth in the 8th month next

Hannah Gould Jun'r Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth the 2nd of 8th mo. 1838.

By accounts from our monthly Meetings, with the exception of Rhode Island the representatives are respectively

Rhode Island

Swansey, Ruth Chace, Anna Shove, and Isabel Chace.
Greenwich, Lois Anthony and Joanna Peck.
South Kingston, Eunice Tosh and Elizabeth Peckham
Providence, Alice Pathbone Phebe Mitchell & Lydia Freeborn.

Who being called are all present.

The Friend who had the Rhode Island account

and answers in charge, informed that she had left them in Newport.

The Queries were read with answers thereto, and many lively and pertinent remarks were elicited by the deficiencies presented in the answers, which we desire may excite us to more faithfulness to manifested duty.

The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended except one.

We have received Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting a Report of the Boarding School Committee with Transcripts of Epistles from London and neighbouring Yearly Meetings, and the London printed Epistle all of which were acceptable to this Meeting.

Our dear Friend John Wilbur informed at this time a Certificate granted him by South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the 8th month and endorsed by this Meeting in the 9th month 1837. He informed that he had accomplished the service he apprehended required of him to the peace of his own mind, and produced many testimonials from the Meetings he had attended, all of which were satisfactory to us.

Our dear friend John Meader opened in this meeting a prospect which had long rested on his mind of paying a religious visit to some of the meetings of Friends of Philadelphia

Yearly Meeting, and some Meetings among those not of our Society in the State of New Jersey and within the limits of Philadelphia, and also of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Baltimore, as expressed in a Certificate granted him by Providence Monthly Meeting. This concern was united with and an endorsement approved which the Clerk was directed to sign on behalf of the Meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader disclosed in this Meeting a prospect of paying a visit to some of the Meetings of Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and to appoint some Meetings among those not of our Society, particularly in the State of New Jersey, and within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, as expressed in a certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting — the unity and sympathy of the Meeting was manifested and an endorsement prepared which the Clerk is directed to sign.

We conclude purposing to meet in the 11 month at Nicanzy if permitted.

Hannah Gould Jun. Clerk.

Of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset, the 1st of the 11th Month 1838.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are viz.

Rhode Island, Ann Hopkins, Hannah Gould, & Margaret Barker.
Swanzey, Mary Buffington, Phila Tripp and Phebe Robinson.
Greenwich Phebe C Reynolds and Catherine C Earle.
South Kingston, Susan C Wilbur and Deborah Collins.
Providence, Alice Rathbun and Dorcas Paine.

Who being called are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries were read with answers from our respective Monthly Meetings to the first, second and tenth.

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and the Report of the Boarding School Committee have been read at this time.

We conclude, purposing to meet if permitted on the 2nd Month at Providence.

Hannah Gould jun'r Clerk.

of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held
at Providence the 7th of the 2nd Month 1839.

By reports received from our Monthly Meetings the
representatives are viz.
Rhode Island Hannah Dennis and Susan Dennis Burgess
Nine Mile Isaac Wade, Patience Chase and Mary Howe.
Warwick — Joanna Peck and Catherine C Earle.
South Kingston — Mary A Collins, Mercy Peckham & Elizabeth Peckham.
Providence Lydia R Trubem, Elizabeth Congdon and Elizabeth S.
— being called are all present.

Our esteemed Friend Anna D Wing attended this meeting
with a copy of a minute from Sandwich monthly Meeting
expressive of their unity with her in her present engagement.
her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read with answers to the first,
second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Meader returned to
this meeting the Certificate granted her in the 8th
month last with the information, that she had been
enabled to accomplish the service she had in prospect,
to the peace of her own mind.

Our Friend Ebenezer Wing who accompanied Anna
D Wing attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute
from Sandwich Monthly Meeting. his company has
been acceptable.

Our esteemed friend John Meader returned to this
meeting the Certificate granted him in the 8th month
last, with an endorsement from the Yearly Meeting
of Friends in Baltimore held in the 10th month last
expressive their satisfaction in his company — he
also gave information that he had been enabled to
perform the service to the peace of his own mind.

A very acceptable Testimony from Swansey Monthly
Meeting concerning our dear deceased friend
Daniel Brayton has been read at this time and
the Clerk was authorized to sign it on behalf of
the Meeting.

In the evening adjourned for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed to serve this Meeting, and they requesting to be released, we appoint Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth Wing, Anna A Jenkins and Mary Shove to confer with some Friends for that Service and propose their names at our next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting concludes. purposing to meet again at Greenwich in the 5th Month next, if permitted.

Signed by Lydia C Smith Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich the 2nd of 5th month 1839.

The Representatives for the several Monthly Meetings as named in their accounts are as follows viz.

Rhode Island - Ann Hopkins and Mary Williams.
Swanzey - Patience Chase, Mary Shove 2nd and Rebecca Shove.
Greenwich - Phebe Congdon, Anne Anthony and Lois Anthony.
East Kingston - Lydia Miller, Lois Perry and Ann Brown.
Providence - Lydia C Smith, Anna A Jenkins and Eunice Metcalf.

Who being called are all present except Ann Brown & whose absence an acceptable reason was given.

The Clerk being absent Mary Williams is appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read in connexion with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which general answers have been collected, which, with an account are to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by Hannah Dennis, Alice Pabodie, Elizabeth Wing, Mary Shove, Amey Rhoades and Lois Anthony - who are appointed to attend said Meeting as our representatives.

One of the Committee who was appointed at our last Meeting to take into consideration the subject of selecting a Clerk and Assistant, informed that they were not ready to report and they are requested to do so at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our esteemed friend Anna D Wing attended our Quarterly Meeting in the 2nd month last with a copy of a Minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressive

of this unity in her engagement having attended a few Meetings in this Quarter her company and religious services have been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to forward to Sandwich Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute.

We conclude to meet again in the 8th month if permitted —

Mary Williams Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth the 1st of 8th month 1839.

Being furnished with accounts from our Monthly Meetings their respective representatives are viz. Rhode Island. Hannah Almy and Lois Anthony. Nine Mile. Rhoda Chase, Sarah Slade and Mary Chase. Greenwich. Lydia Gould and Ruth Anthony. South Kingston. Amey Knowles, Mercy P. Dockray & Eunice Foster. Providence. Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Metcalf, & Olive Wing. so no being called are all present except one.

The Committee appointed in the 2nd M. last to confer with Friends for Clerk and Assistant have proposed Hannah Gould Jun. for Clerk and Sarah Tobey assistant; which being acceptable to the Meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Clerk appointed

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson is acceptably in attendance of this Quarterly Meeting, and Certificates on her behalf from Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Lancashire Quarterly Meeting, and from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London, have been read to our satisfaction.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Coggeshall also attended this Meeting, with a copy of a Minute from New York Monthly Meeting of Friends: her company and labours of love having been truly acceptable the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The Queries were read, with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, to the 1st 2nd & 3rd.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, that they all attended agreeably to appointment. We have received an Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting which is as follows viz.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to its Subordinate Meetings.

Being again permitted to meet in our annual Assembly, our dear absent Friends have been affectionately brought to our remembrance and we have been desirous that they might be partakers to some extent with us, in the exercises and interesting concerns that have claimed our attention.

Our meeting has been large and solemn; and we have had reverently to acknowledge that the mantle of ancient Goodness has been in measure mercifully over us, and under its covering we have been favoured to conduct the concerns of the Church that have come before us, in much brotherly love - to the Lord be the praise. We have had the acceptable company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings who have laboured to our comfort and edification.

By the Answers to the Queries, it appears that there are many deficiencies within our borders, and we have been brought earnestly to desire that there may be an increased concern among our members individually, faithfully to labour for their removal.

A neglect of attending meetings for divine worship, punctuality in the middle of the week, and a want of love and unity are among the painful deficiencies that are brought into view.

Love to God and love to man, — on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. When we remember our dependence upon Almighty God; when we reflect that every blessing that we enjoy both temporal and spiritual proceedeth from Him; that all things were formed and are still sustained by the Word of His Power; that it is of His mercy that we are not consumed; how can we

worked the reasonable power of assembling ourselves together to worship Him? And how beloved Friends can we put up our petition to Him, that He will be pleased to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, while we continue to harbour in our hearts unkind feelings towards a brother? If we are wanting in these two most essential qualifications of the Christian — love to God and love to man, — it is in vain for us to support acceptingly, any of our religious principles and testimonies; and we have been pointedly made sensible that a deficiency herein has led to the other departures that have been brought to our notice. Let us, dear Friends, scrupulously examine ourselves and know the condition of our hearts in this this respect.

Among the failures in duly maintaining our religious testimonies we notice with sorrow, some of a military nature. The faithful support of our religious views of the peaceable nature of the Gospel of Christ has been felt by us at this time to be of great weight. We believe that our predecessors in religious faith had their minds divinely illuminated to understand the teachings of Christ and his Apostles in this subject, and it is our duty to endeavour to come up faithfully in their footsteps. There are as we apprehend, errors on either hand on this important doctrine; but we earnestly crave for our members that they may be preserved on the ancient, christian ground of our religious society; believing that they will find this to be practical and safe ground for them to stand upon.

It is a day, beloved Friends, when the eyes of the people are much turned towards us; and we have ardently coveted that our Light might so shine before men that they seeing our good works may glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

The doctrine of the necessity of the immediate, qualifying power of the Holy Spirit in order for the discharge of religious duty, has ever been a fundamental principle of our Society, and must continue to be acknowledged by all faithful Friends as being necessary for us practically to receive. Our testimonies against War, Oaths, Slavery, &c. are religious testimonies, and we believe we can only successfully plead them before the world, or effectively enforce them upon others, as we receive this Heavenly qualification from the Great Head of the Church.

This meeting has been introduced into much concern that our members may be preserved from attempting to do the work of the Lord in their own time and strength. Remember the declaration of the dear Redeemer—"My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready". And we have been led to fear that in associating with those who do not acknowledge, as we do, the need of this immediate, divine qualification in order for the performance of religious duties, we are in great danger of neglecting this fundamental principle, and of attempting to act with them in our own strength and zeal; and thus lose that ability to labour successfully in the Lord's cause which He is pleased graciously to vouchsafe to those whom He calls into His service. And under this feeling of concern we believe it right for us tenderly to persuade our dear friends to avoid mingling with the various associations of the day for the support of those Christian testimonies which our Society has peculiarly felt itself called upon to bear before the world; but unite in a body together as a religious body, in love — looking unto the great Helper of His people for His assistance, we may yet trust, in the Lord's own good time, to be in some measure the humble instruments in His hand of doing His heavenly will.

Oh! dear Friends, let us be engaged to wait unto prayer; let us gather home in the thoughts of our minds unto the Lord our Head and Teacher,

souls, and reverently wait upon Him; that thus we may be preserved from the spirit, the snares and the policy of the world that leads unto death. May we be favoured to abide in Christ — "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me."

And now, beloved Friends, Farewell. We desire that in simple faith we may commit ourselves into the preserving hand of Him "who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy — to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power forever."

Signed by direction, and on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, from the 16th to the 21st of the sixth Month, inclusive, 1839.

Abraham Shearman Junr. Clerk.

Hannah Gould Junr Clerk.

Transcripts of Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent (excepting Virginia) and one from London were received, and copies thereof forwarded by the Representatives to the Monthly Meetings.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was read and is satisfactory. viz.

In again presenting their Annual Report to the Yearly Meeting the School Committee feel it right, notwithstanding some discouragements, gratefully to commemorate the mercy that has been extended to us, through which the various inmates of the Institution have been preserved in good health, and the School we have cause to believe, has continued to be useful to those who have been placed in it.

Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the limit of the vacations, and numerous have been favours. The average number of Scholars during

the past year has been seventy seven.

The late Superintendents of the School having resigned their trust, we have engaged our friends Allen and Olive Wing to act in that capacity, who have entered upon the discharge of their duties. Jonathan D. Slocum, Samuel Austin and George W. Read are employed as Teachers in the Boys School, and Emmeline Starbuck and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'.

The Treasurers and Superintendents accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the debts of the Institution have been reduced during the past year, and that the present indebtedness is about two thousand dollars. For more particular information of the receipts and expenditures we refer to the Superintendents account, herewith presented. In the present condition of the finances of the School, we have not thought it proper to propose any change in the terms from the prices of last year — which are $33 per term, for members of this Yearly Meeting; $45 for those scholars who are not members, where one or both parents are members, and $58 for the members of other Yearly Meetings payable in advance. Ten dollars per term additional charge, is made for instruction in the languages. We have concluded to propose that stationery and books be furnished the children, for their use in the School, free of expense, except such as are necessary in the study of the higher branches, including the Mathematics and the Languages, & that these be supplied at their actual wholesale cost.

The income of the charitable funds will about support ten scholars, one term each, and Monthly Meetings that may desire to occupy the privilege are requested to make application to the Visiting School Committee in season for their admission at the commencement of the twelfth term, which this year will be on the Fourth day of the eleventh month.

The division of the year into two terms with vacations has, we think proved salutary in practice, and the examination at the close of each term has been interesting and useful; but in order that it may not be interrupted during its progress, we desire that no child may be withdrawn from the School until it is completed, which it is intended shall take place on Fifth day of the last week of the term; so that children will be ready to leave on Fifth day morning of that week.

The observance of plainness of Speech, behaviour and apparel, among the inmates of the Institution has continued to claim our very serious attention, and we have laboured for the maintenance of the ancient testimonies of our Society in these respects. We have believed that usefulness might result from again forwarding the accompanying Circular, issued in 1835, to the several meetings of Friends, and the various Committees of the Monthly Meetings in recommending scholars to the School, as well as parents and guardians, are earnestly requested to exercise a care that the provisions therein contained are faithfully observed.

We also think it right to remind Friends of the established regulation of the School issued, that none are admitted into the male department, over fourteen years of age, who have not previously received permission from the Sub-Committee, which meets at the School House in Providence on third preceding the First Fifth day in every month.

In behalf and by direction of the School Committee

Samuel Boyd Toby Clark

Boarding School, 3rd of 5th M. 1839.

Our beloved friend John Meader informed this Meeting that a concern had for some time rested on his mind to visit some Meetings within the limits of Nantucket Quarterly Meeting, and some in Dover Quarter as defined in the Certificate granted him by Providence Monthly Meeting. This Meeting feeling sympathy and unity with him in this engagement the Clerk is directed to sign a copy of a minute on behalf of the Meeting.

Our beloved friend Moses H Beede opened in this meeting a prospect which had for some time attended his mind to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Ohio, and some Meetings on the way as expressed in the minute from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. Much unity and sympathy were manifested with this our friend in this prospect, and the Clerk directed to sign the minute prepared for him on behalf of the Meeting.

We conclude purposing if permitted to meet at Somerset in the 8th Month next.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 7th of the 11th month 1839.

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz.
Rhode Island. Ann Hopkins, Susan Ann Buffum & Ruth Anthony.
Swanzey, Eunice Barnard, Ruth B Buffinton and Anna Shove.
Greenwich, Lydia Gould, Catherine C Earle and Anna K Ryan.
South Kingston Susan C Willis and Elizabeth Peckham.
Providence Lydia Congdon, Elizabeth Smith & Anna A Jenkins
who being called are all present except two, for the absence of these satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland is acceptably in attendance at this Meeting with a Minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 24 of 10th Mo. 1839.

The Queries have been read, with answers to the first, second and tenth from our respective monthly Meetings. The deficiencies exhibited herein have been exercising to many minds.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting forwarded the information that they had appointed Timothy C Collins to the station of an Elder in which this Meeting unites.

We conclude purposing if permitted to meet in the 2nd Month at Providence.

Hannah Gould Asst Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 6th & 2nd month 1840.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings received at this time the following Friends are viz.

Sandwich Mary Chase, Patience Chase, and Mary Stowe Dunwich. Hannah Gould and Emma Kinyon.

South Kingston Susan C Wilbur, Eunice Foster and Jane Harare.

Providence Eunice Metcalf, Lydia Congdon and Lydia C Smith

Rhode Island. Susanna Hathaway and Susan Sun Buffum.

All being called are present excepting three, for the absence of two satisfactory reasons were rendered.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from each Monthly Meeting.

Our esteemed friend John Meader returned to this Meeting the minute of Providence Monthly Meeting and endorsed by this in the 8th Month last with the information that he had been enabled to perform the prospect therein proposed, to the relief of his own mind, and produced a minute from Dover Quarterly Meeting by which it appears that his company and religious services were acceptable to that Meeting this account is satisfactory to Friends

A returning minute for our beloved

friend Susan Howland was prepared which the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of the Meeting and forward it to New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

The Clerks being absent Lydia C Smith and Lydia Thurber are appointed for the day.

We conclude, purposing to meet again in the 5th month at Greenwich, if permitted.

Lydia C Smith
Clk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 7th of 5th Month 1840.

Being furnished with accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz.

Rhode Island, Malachi Bull, Susannah Bryan and Hannah Gould.
Greenwich, Abner Luthing and Lois Luthing.
Coweset, Phebe Shaw, Susan Eldred and Mary Reed.
Smithfield, Mary Arnold, Rachel Collins, Hannah Collins, Susannah Eldred, Elizabeth Slader, Eunice Read and Lydia Arnold.
No Meeting called as we present but two who favoured us by their presence for their punctual attendance.

The Queries were read, with answers at large from each of our Monthly Meetings, for this annual Queries were collected, which with a account prepared and signed by our proper Meeting Clerks, we forward by our Friends Esther Bartlett, Hannah Dennis, Anna A Jenkins, Lydia Wilbur, Mary Shoe and Lois Anthony whom we appoint our representatives to attend said Meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Peckham, accompanied by her husband Thomas Peckham have attended our Quarterly Meeting, favored us with their company from Hudson West Monthly Meeting, endeared to us by their Christian Labours and by some Ministers and Elders belonging to said Meeting have attended our Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter, and nearly all the families thereto belonging. Their company and Gospel labours have been satisfactory and edifying.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Peckham is united in

in this Meeting a concern which has rested on his mind to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of New York, and a few Meetings within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: She presented a Certificate from Rhode Island monthly Meeting, which unity and sympathy being expressed and she a minister in unity with us it is left with them to procure her passage agreeably to the request of Friends. The Clerk is directed to insert this minute in her Certificate, and sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

A Certificate on behalf of our friend Charles Osborne from the Monthly Meeting of Friends, Wayne County Indiana, endorsed by White Water Quarterly Meeting with a minute on behalf of Friends, minister George Evans from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, Henry County Indiana, were read at this time. both of whom are acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

Our beloved friend Moses H Beede informed us that he apprehended it to be his duty to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Friends in New York, with a few meetings within its limits as expressed in his Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting: the unity and sympathy of Friends was manifested, and an endorsement prepared which the Clerk was directed to sign on behalf of the Meeting.

A declaration of the views of the Society of Friends in relation to Church Government, and one on Civil Government, prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings at their Meeting 3rd Mo: 3rd 1840 - have been handed us at this time, with a recommendation to read them in our subordinate Meetings and distribute them amongst our members.

We conclude, purposing if permitted to meet in the 8th month at Portsmouth

Hannah Gould Sum's Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth the 6th of 8th Month 1840.

By accounts received at this time from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are viz.

Rhode Island — Anne Hopkins and Lydia Bowne.

Swansey — Mary Howe, Elizabeth Howe, and Martha Howe.

Greenwich — Joanna Peck and Lois Anthony.

South Kingston — Lydia Wilbur Elizabeth Peckham Hannah Coggeshall.

Providence — Elizabeth Reader, Anna Antram and Lydia B. Rotch

who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read together with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to this Yearly Meeting report that they all attended except one who was prevented by indisposition. We have received at this time an Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting of Women Friends and transcripts of Epistles from neighboring Yearly meetings and the Report of the Boarding School Committee. which is as follows viz.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The School Committee Report, That they have endeavored during the past year to attend to the service to which they were appointed by the Yearly Meeting. The average number of Scholars for the year, has been eighty six, for the past term one hundred and eighteen. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held in the house except during vacations, and harmony has prevailed.

Our friends Allen and Tice King continue to prove acceptable as superintendents. Harriet Austin and Phebe Howe are employed as teachers in the male department and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth Osborne in the female School. Jonathan L. Norris has been engaged in the institution as a teacher during the past year and Charles F. Coffin jun. and Sarah F. Brown as assistant teachers during the last term. George H. Reed continues to give instruction in the languages and to have charge of the accounts.

The Treasurer and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by $3,644.31, by which we are enabled to liquidate the debt of the Institution reported last year, and leave in the Treasury a balance of $1,136.84. We do not think it expedient, however, to propose to the Yearly Meeting any considerable reduction in the terms of the admission of Scholars, as the situation of the lands and premises is such that a pretty large expenditure will soon be required for repairs and improvements. For details of the receipts and expenditures we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account herewith forwarded.

Ten Scholars have enjoyed the privilege of the charitable fund the last term, and the same number may be received for the next winter term; and Monthly meetings are requested to forward their applications for this privilege, by the time of the meeting of the Sub-Committee, on the 29th of 9th month next.

We would propose that the price per term, for admission of members of this Yearly Meeting, be $30, commencing with the ensuing winter term: for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, (should any such by direction of the Yearly Meeting be received) be continued at $45; and for members of other Yearly Meetings, $50; and that $10 per term additional charge should still be made for instruction in the Languages.

Stationery and books, (except such as are required for the study of the higher branches of the Mathematics and the Languages) we would propose, should continue to be furnished at the expense of the Institution.

In the discharge of the duties that have devolved upon us in the direction of the concerns of the School, we have been desirous to keep steadily in view the original design of Friends in its establishment, viz. "the imparting to the youth of our Society a religious, guarded education, free from the contaminating influences of the world." While scholars in this Institution we feel that

parents have a right to expect that their children will be in good degree preserved from hurtful things that abound in the world; that their tender minds will not receive impressions calculated to lessen their attachment either to the principles of our religious Society, or to the testimonies founded upon them. The press at the present day teems with publications, many of which are such as concerned parents would be unwilling should be placed within reach of their children, and to maintain our Christian discipline, by restraining, so far as we are able, "from the reading of pernicious books," has appeared to us an important duty to be exercised by the Committee, and which we believe has rested with weight upon those who have been under the appointment, since the first establishment of the School.

The time for which most of the pupils are placed in the Institution being limited, and necessarily much occupied in pursuing their regular studies, much opportunity is not afforded for general reading; and as the School is furnished with a valuable Library, consisting of not less than fourteen hundred volumes of well selected books, received principally from the bequests of our late beloved friends Moses and Obadiah Brown, to which the children have free access, we thought it proper in the 8th month last, after carefully considering what books and publications it was best to receive in the School, to adopt the following regulation, viz. "Believing that the Library of this Institution, together with the books and periodicals that have already been approved by this Committee, will afford the means for reading as great a variety of reading as the time and best interests of the scholars will require, but that any books or publications brought by the scholars, or sent to them, be laid aside and preserved for them until they leave the School; or, if deemed best by the Superintendents, forwarded to their parents or guardians."

While by adhering to this rule, we are aware that many writings are excluded with which we have no controversy, yet with the exercise of a sufficient liberality on the part of the Committee in the admission of those that

will be productive of useful things, we apprehend its adoption will not be deemed objectionable, but we trust it will prove a relief and satisfaction to many parents in the different sections of the Yearly Meeting, who wish to place their children in the School.

During the past year, with the exception of the latter part of the last term, when the measles prevailed extensively but mildly in the house, the various inmates of the family have been favoured with the enjoyment of nearly uninterrupted good health; which mercy, among the many we have received, calls for gratitude to Him from whom cometh all our blessings.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

Samuel Boyd Jessup, Clerk

Boarding School, 5th Mo. 8th, 1840.

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Wing informed this Meeting that she had accomplished to the peace of her own mind the service she had in prospect, as expressed in the endorsement appended to her Certificate in the 5th mo. last, which was satisfactory to Friends.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Reader, a minister in unity with us, informed this Meeting that a concern had long rested on her mind to attend the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Baltimore, with some Meetings within the limits of each as expressed in her Certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting. The subject claimed the solid consideration of Friends, much unity and sympathy was manifested, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as best wisdom may direct.

The Clerk is directed to sign and furnish her with a copy of this Minute.

An Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting of Women Friends was read at this time.

A proposal from South Kingston Mo Meeting to hold their Mo Meeting after the 12th Mo. next in the following order viz 4 months, at Weston, 4 at Tower Hill and 4 at Kingston, which is united with in this Meeting.

We conclude, if permitted, to meet in the 11th mo. at Somerset.

Hannah Gould Sec. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 5th of the 11th Month 1840.

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings received at this time inform us that representatives are viz.
Rhode Island - Hannah Hall and Susan Ann Buffum.
Swanzey - Sybil Chace, Anne Shove and Susan Gifford.
Greenwich - Phebe Reynolds and Phebe Congdon.
South Kingston - Mary A Collins and Jane Harand.
Providence - Eunice Metcalf, Alice King, and Anna A Jenkins.

Who being called are all present excepting one, who forwarded a satisfactory reason for non-attendance.

The Queries were read in connexion with answers from our respective Monthly Meetings to the first, second and tenth.

This Meeting unites with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Susan Ann Buffum to the Station of an Elder, our men Friends concurring therein. Hannah Gould Junr is desired to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of this appointment.

The London printed Epistle of the present year has been read in this Meeting; its contents were lively and interesting, and we desire that the caution and counsel thus imparted may be usefully treasured in our minds individually.

We conclude, purposing to meet in the second month at Providence if permitted.

Hannah Gould Junr Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 4th of 2nd month 1841

The representatives from our monthly meetings as appears by accounts received at this time, are for -

Rhode Island - Susan Ann Burgess, Hannah Dennis and Ann Mott.

Swansey - Patience Chace, Mary Shove and Rebecca Shove.

Greenwich - Lydia Gould and Prudence Brown.

South Kingston - Elizabeth Peckham and Hannah Collins.

Providence - Alice Wing, Mary H Smith and Mary G Anthony

Who being called are all present.

The Clerk being absent Sarah F Tobey is appointed for the time.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended this Meeting with a Minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 12th mo. 24th 1840 expressive of their unity with her in her present religious engagement: her company and religious services were truly acceptable to us and the Clerk was directed to furnish her with a copy of this Minute.

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this Meeting in the 8th month last, with the information that she had been enabled to accomplish the service as therein expressed, to the relief and peace of her own mind, which was satisfactory to the Meeting — She presented minutes from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Mount Pleasant the 5th, 8th and 11th of 9th mo. from Middleton Monthly Meeting Ohio, held 10th mo 8th, — from

Short Creek Monthly Meeting held the 22nd of 9th Mo. and from Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends held by adjournments from the 26th to the 29th of the 10th Month 1840. expressive of the unity of those Meetings with her in her gospel labours amongst them.

New Friends inform that they have united with Rhode Island Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Edward King to the station of an Elder with which this Meeting unites.

They also inform that they have united with Providence Mo. Meeting in approving the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Samuel Boyd Tobey which is united with in this Meeting.

An returned friend Moses H Rude returned at this time the Certificate granted him in the 5th mo. last, with the information that he had been favoured to accomplish the service therein expressed to the peace of his own mind - which was satisfactory to the Meeting. — He presented minutes from Nine Partners Mo. Meeting of Friends held 21st of 5th Mo — from New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held the 23rd, 28th and 29th of 5th Mo. from Butternuts Quarterly Meeting State of New York held 8th Mo. 13th, and from New York Mo. Meeting of Friends held the 2nd of 9th Mo. 1840 all expressive of their unity with him in his religious Services amongst them.

We conclude Interposing to meet in the 5th month at Greenwich if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk for this time.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich the 6th of 5th Mo. 1841.

The representatives from our Monthly Meetings as appears by accounts received are, Jor.

Rhode Island Hannah Dennis, Ann Hopkins & Mary Williams.

Swanzey Ruth Buffinton, Anna Chace and Ruth S Shove.

Greenwich Catharine C Earle and Lois Anthony

South Kingston Amey Knowles and Susan C Ray

Providence Lydia C Smith, Alice Wing and Elizabeth Smith.

Who being called are all present except one.

The Clerk being absent Sarah F Tobey is appointed for the day.

Our beloved friend Anna Amy Jenkins in a weighty and feeling manner opened in this meeting a concern which has long rested on her mind to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London — to visit in Gospel love such of the Meetings constituting it as way may open for — together with some of the Meetings of Friends in Ireland — and if her mind should be drawn to the service, to appoint Meetings among Friends and others as expressed in her Certificate from Providence Mo. Meeting.

Our minds were introduced into near sympathy with our dear friend in this religious engagement, and her concern was fully united with in this Meeting: and we believe it right for us to add our testimony to that of the Monthly Meeting, that she is a Minister in unity and good esteem with us: bound in

doctrine, and consistent in life and conversation. We desire to commend her to the affectionate attention of Friends, and fervently crave for her the blessing of preservation, and that she may be mercifully enabled to discharge the service required of her by the Great Head of the Church — and when her Gospel labours among you shall have been accomplished, be favoured to return to us with the reward of Peace.

The Clerk is directed to endorse the foregoing Minute on her Certificate, and sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

The Queries have been read, with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings and general answers collected therefrom, which with an account prepared and signed to our next Yearly Meeting are forwarded by our Friends Ann Hopkins, Lois Anthony, Anne Shove, Amey Knowles, Olive Wing and Elizabeth Meader, whom we appoint our representatives to attend said Meeting.

A transcript of an Epistle from Virginia Yearly Meeting has been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude, purposing if permitted to meet in the 8th month at Portsmouth

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk for this day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 8th Month 5th 1841.

From the accounts received at this time from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz.

Rhode Island Matilda Burdo and Ann Hopkins.

Swanzey Ruth B Buffinton, Mary Shove and Phebe Shaw.

Greenwich Phebe C Reynolds and Eudocia Green.

South Kingston Amey Knowles and Elizabeth Peckham.

Providence Lydia Congdon, Anna T Dennis and Eunice Metcalf.

Who being called are all present excepting two, for whose nonattendance satisfactory reasons were given.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting informed that they all attended agreeably to appointment — and we have at this time received transcripts of Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent.

The Queries have been read, with answers to 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our monthly Meetings.

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Wing a Minister in in unity with us, opened in this Meeting a concern that has for several years rested on her mind, to attend the ~~arrive~~ Yearly Meetings of Friends at Baltimore and North Carolina, some Meetings within the limits of each and to appoint some, with those not in mem-

bership with us, as expressed in her certificate from Rhode Island monthly Meeting. The subject having obtained the deliberate consideration of Friends, was feelingly united with, and she encouraged to proceed therein as Truth may open the way. The Clerk was directed to endorse this on her Certificate and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

A satisfactory Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and is as follows. viz.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed to superintend the various concerns of the Boarding School, Report, That they have endeavoured during the past year, to attend to the important trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting. The average number of scholars in the Institution has been eighty five. Meetings for religious worship have been regularly held in the house, excepting during the vacation, and harmony, we believe has prevailed.

Our Friends Allen and Olive Wing continue to occupy the place of Superintendents, acceptably to us. Samuel Austin and Joseph W Aldrich are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich and Rebecca Chipman in the Girls'. George F. Read continues to have charge of the Books, and to instruct in the languages. Pliny E Chase has been employed as a

Teacher during the past year, and Charles H Nichols, Elizabeth H Osborne, and Lydia Earle, each, one term.

The Treasurers and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by $1066.31 Cts; and that there is now a balance in the Treasury of $2203.15 Cts. Twenty two hundred and twenty dollars and 17 cents have been expended in various repairs on the Buildings and Furniture for the Houses; and as many additional repairs and improvements are required about the house and farm, we do not consider it expedient to propose any change in the price of admission from that of last year, viz. $30 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; $45 for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members; and $50 for members of our Society, of other Yearly Meetings; Books and Stationery to continue to be furnished, as at present. We herewith pass and a copy of the Superintendent's account, for the information of the Yearly Meeting.

While the Committee believe that manifest advantage has resulted from the division of the year into <u>terms</u>, they are sensible it has not been so fully realized as is desirable. From the circumstance that many scholars have entered for a less time than one term, and at different periods in it. While we are aware there may be cases in which parents may desire to place their children in the School for only three months; and we would not wish to deny this privilege

when circumstances seem to forbid their remaining through the term, yet we hope these applications will not be frequent; and we believe the good of all requires that in future, in such cases, the scholars shall enter either at the commencement or middle of the term.

Inconvenience has sometimes arisen from a neglect of the observance of the regulation adopted by the Yearly Meeting at the establishment of the School, that for all males over fourteen years of age, the consent of the Sub-Committee to their entrance must be obtained previously to their coming to the School, and for the future we would propose that this rule should be strictly adhered to. It will be remembered that the Sub-Committee meets at the Institution on third day before the first & fifth day in every month.

Ten scholars have enjoyed the benefit of the charitable fund during the past term; and the same number may receive the privilege the ensuing winter session; and Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their applications at or before the time of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 5th of the tenth month.

An examination of the School has taken place at the close of each term, in the presence of Special Committees appointed for that purpose, and their Reports of the proficiency of the pupils and the general condition of the School, have been satisfactory to us. In the one presented at this time, after referring to the satisfaction derived from the visit, the Committee proceed to state, that "the correctness of the recitations of the children, and the readiness and knowledge manifested in the

various studies to which they have given their attention, evinced a commendable degree of industry and application on the part of the scholars, and of care and diligence on that of the teachers; and the general appearance of the Schools and the orderly deportment of the pupils while we were with them, received our approbation." We can but regret that the number of scholars is not larger than it has been for the few past years, believing as we do, that an opportunity is afforded in this Institution to obtain a useful education, in good measure guarded from the contaminating influences of the world; and we would desire that Friends might be encouraged to avail themselves of its benefits.

In conclusion we may state that the family and scholars have been favoured with almost uninterrupted good health during the past year, which, with the many other mercies graciously extended to us by Him who condescends to care for us, calls for the tribute of grateful hearts.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,
Boarding School, } Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.
5th Mo. 7th, 1861.

We conclude purposing to meet at Somerset in the 11th month next, if permitted.

Hannah Gould Jun'r, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Somerset the 4th of 11th month 1841—

The several Monthly Meetings having forwarded accounts at this time, their representatives are viz.—, Rhode Island. Hannah Hall and Susan Ann Williams Swanney. Elizabeth Shove, Rebecca Shove and Phila Tripp. Greenwich. Joanna Peck and Catharine C Earle. South Kingston. Mary Ann Collins and Amey Knowles. Providence. Dorcas Paine, Huldah A Meader & Sarah F Tobey. Who being called are all present.

The Clerk being absent Sarah F Tobey is appointed for the day.

Our esteemed friend Sophronia Page attended this Meeting with a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting held 14th of 10th month 1841, expressive of their unity with her in her present engagement—her company and religious services were acceptable to us.

The queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from each of our monthly meetings have been read.

Our esteemed friend John Meader, a Minister in unity with with us, spread before this Meeting a concern which had for some years rested with weight upon his mind, and increasingly so of latter time, to pay a visit in the love of the gospel to those tribes of Indians who have recently removed west of the Mississippi, and to hold religious Meetings among them — to visit Friends settled in the Territory of Iowa — to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends at Indiana — most of the Quarterly and some of the other Meetings composing it — and to

visit some Meetings within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting and as his mind may be drawn to the service, and way open for it, to appoint Meetings in the course of his journey. This concern of our friends received our deliberate consideration — much unity and sympathy were expressed, and he encouraged to move herein as truth may open the way. The Clerk was directed to sign on our behalf an endorsement prepared by the Mens Meeting.

The London printed Epistle of the present year has been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet at Providence in the 2nd month next if permitted.

Sarah H. Tobey Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Providence the 3rd of 2nd month 1842.

By accounts furnished from our respective Monthly Meetings their representatives are viz.

Rhode Island. Elizabeth Wing and Hannah Gould.
Swansey. Isabella Chace, Mary Howe & Phebe Chace.
Greenwich. Hannah Knowles & Susanna Greene.
South Kingston. Elizabeth Peckham & Susan C Ray.
Providence. Elizabeth Smith, Lydia C Smith & Anna H Jenkins.

Who being called are all present excepting two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Our ancient friend Ann Wing attended this Meeting with a Minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 7th of 1st month 1842 — her company and religious services having been acceptable to this Meeting the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings to the first, second & tenth.

The Clerks informed this meeting that the term of their appointment had elapsed and that they were desirous to be released — whereupon we appoint Elizabeth Meader, Hannah Dennis and Joanna Peck to confer with some friends for that service and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

We conclude purposing if permitted to meet in the 5th Month at Greenwich.

Hannah Gould Junr Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich the 5th of 5th Mo. 1842.

By accounts received at this time from our monthly Meetings, the representatives are, viz.

Rhode Island. Hannah Dennis and Lucy Carr.

Swanzey. Elizabeth Shove, Mary Shove and Ruth Buffington.

Greenwich. Catherine C Earle and Anne Anthony.

South Kingston. Lois Perry and Eunice Foster.

Providence. Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Metcalf and Lydia C Smith.

this being called and all present.

The Clerk being absent Lydia C. Smith is appointed for the day.

The representative who was absent at the last Quarterly Meeting, rendered a satisfactory reason for her non attendance.

The Queries have been read with answers to each from our several monthly Meetings, and we have collected a summary therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth Wing, Olive Wing, Joanna Peck, Mary Shove, Amey Knowles and Hannah Dennis.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing returned to this Meeting the Certificate of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, endorsed by this in the 8th month last, and gave the satisfactory and encouraging information that she had been enabled to perform the prospect contained therein to the peace of her own mind. Returning Minutes were also received from the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina held in the 11th month 1844 — one from Eastern Quarterly Meeting in North Carolina held the 27th of 11th Month 1844 — with sundry others from different monthly Meetings within the limits of the aforesaid Yearly Meeting and one from the Monthly Meeting held 9th of 12th Mo. 1844 — all of which express their satisfaction in her company, and unity with her Gospel labours among them.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings

of Ohio and Baltimore have been acceptably read at this time.

The Clerk was desired to extract and sign the minute of this Meeting on behalf of Sophronia Page.

The Friends appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to select Clerks inform that they have paid attention to the subject, but are not ready to make report.

We conclude purposing to meet again in the 8th Mo. at Portsmouth if permitted.

Lydia C Smith Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 4th of 8th Mo. 1842.

By accounts with which we have been furnished from our monthly Meetings, their representatives are viz.
Rhode Island. Ann Hopkins and Mary Williams.
Swanrey. Isabel Chace, Anna Shove and Elizabeth Shove.
Greenwich. Lois Anthony and Joanna Peck.
South Kingston. Amey Knowles and Elizabeth Peckham.
Providence. Eunice Metcalf, Mary W Smith & Phebe H Holden.
who being called are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read at this time.

Our beloved friends Sybil Jones, and Ann Jones, attended this Meeting with Minutes from the Monthly Meeting of Edwin Mo. their company and religious

services are acceptable to Friends.

Our Beloved Friend Moses H Bude spread before this Meeting a prospect of attending Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly Meetings, and some other Meetings as expressed in his certificate from Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting, which was united with, and he left at Liberty to proceed therein as way may open for it being a Minister in unity. The Clerk is directed to sign this Minute on behalf of the Meeting.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended agreeably to appointment and we have received transcripts of the Epistles from other Yearly Meetings, and an Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting to its Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings, which has been read to our instruction and comfort.

The following report of the Boarding School Committee has been read to our satisfaction viz.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to superintend the various concerns of the Boarding School, Report, That they have endeavoured during the past year, to attend to the important trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting. The average number of scholars in the Institution has been and during the last term one hundred, Seventy Seven. Meetings for religious worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; and harmony,

~~has been forwarded.~~

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing continue to occupy the place of Superintendents, acceptably to us. Samuel Austin and Joseph W. Aldrich are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich, Elizabeth H. Pope and Elizabeth J. Aldrich in the Girls'. In this arrangement provision is made for Emmeline Aldrich to be absent most of the present term. George F. Read continues to act as book-keeper and teacher of Languages. Charles F. Coffin, jun. Rebecca Chipman and Annabella King have each been employed one term during the past year.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded the expenditures by about $1,600. Some improvements have been made on the premises and buildings, and others are now in progress, and as much remains to be done which we deem important for the interests of the Institution, we have not thought it best at this time to propose any change in the prices of admission from those of last year, viz: $30 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; $45 for those who are not members of Society, one or both of whose parents are members, and $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings. Books and Stationery to continue to be furnished as at present. We herewith forward a copy of the Superintendents account for the information of the Yearly Meeting.

The charitable fund will support, for the present year, fourteen scholars one term each, (three having been

received since our last report, a balance of income heretofore due this fund,) and Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their applications for this privilege in season for the meeting of the Sub-Committee at Providence, the 4th of 10th month next.

Our late friend Moses Brown having in his will bequeathed to this Institution 5000 dollars, to be appropriated in whole or in part to the purchase of real estate adjoining the School premises, the Committee have in conformity therewith purchased two tracts of land, of about ten acres each, at a cost of about the sum above named, a part of which has been paid out of the income of the common fund, the special bequest not being available for this purpose, at the present time.

An examination of the scholars in the presence of a Committee of our number has taken place at the close of each term, and the evidence we have received of the fidelity of the Teachers and the general diligence and orderly department of the Scholars has been satisfactory and encouraging to us — and we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowledge that He, from whom proceedeth all our blessings, has been pleased to regard this Institution, and to own the concern of Friends in its establishment and continued progress.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk

Boarding School, 5th M. 6th, 1842.

~~The representatives to the Yearly Meeting informed that they all attended agreeably to this appointment and we have received Transcripts of Epistles from other Yearly Meetings. An Epistle from our last Yearly~~

The following Communication from the Yearly Meetings Committee was received at this time viz:

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

A number of the Yearly Meetings Committee, having several times, recently, attended South Kingston Monthly Meeting, have become satisfied, from the want of love and unity, and from the spirit of insubordination manifest amongst them in the management of the concerns of Society, that they are not in a suitable state to conduct the affairs of the Church to the honour of Truth. And we are united in judgment that the immediate care of the Quarterly Meeting needs to be extended in the case.

York Pro. 25th 1842.

Olive Wing
Elizabeth Meader
Elizabeth Wing
Hannah Dennis
Ruth Davis
Hannah Gould Jun.
Caleb Nichols
Charles Chase
Daniel Taber
John Osborne
William Jenkins
Rowland Greene
Thomas Anthony
Peter Peck
Allen Wing
Edward Wing
David Buffum.

And it appearing by the answers to the Queries, that there is a want of that love and unity which are essential to the best interests of the body, both in South Kingston and Swanzey Monthly Meetings the whole subject received our deliberate and solid consideration: and we appoint our friends Lois Anthony, Joanna Peck, Lydia E Smith, Mary Williams,

Ann Hopkins, Hannah Almy, Mary Harand and Phebe H. Holden to visit those Meetings, and labour in conjunction with the Yearly Meetings Committee for the preservation of right order, and the promotion of love and unity — and they are requested to act in our behalf, in rendering such advice and assistance to said Meetings and individuals as best wisdom may direct — and report to our next Meeting.

We conclude, purposing if permitted to meet in the 11th Month next at Somerset.

Hannah Gould Jun'r Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 3rd of 11th mo 1842

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz —

Rhode Island Hannah Hall & Ann Hopkins
Swansey Sybil Chace Ruth B. Buffington & Mary Shove
Greenwich Joanna Tice & Catharine C. Earle
South Kingston Lydia Wilbur & Thankful Collins
Providence Hannah C. Robinson Olive Wing & Eunice Peter

who being called are all present.

Clerks appointed — The Friends appointed to confer with some persons to serve this Meeting as Clerks, report, that they are united in proposing Sarah G. Tobey for Clerk, and Sarah S. Slade assistant — which being approved by the Meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year —

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time

Our beloved friend John Meader returned at this time the certificate endowed by this meeting in 11th mo last with the information that he had been favoured to accomplish the service as therein expressed, to the relief and peace of his own mind — which was satisfactory to us — He also presented minutes from Swanzey, Miami, White Lick, Fairfield, Mill Creek Union & West Branch Monthly Meetings, from New Garden, Western, White Lick, White Water Westfield and Alum Creek Quarterly Meetings and one from Indiana Yearly Meeting — expressing, that his company and gospel labours have been acceptable and edifying to them.

A minute from Scarboro Mo Meeting on behalf of our esteemed friend Edward Gove also one from the same meeting on behalf of his companion David Challis has been read — both of whom we acceptably in attendance of this meeting.

We have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sion Hazleton to the station of an elder and Hannah Dennis is appointed to inform the select meeting thereof.

Transcripts of epistles from South Carolina Ohio & Indiana have been read at this time —

The Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to visit Swanzey & So Kingston Monthly Meetings and for other services — have presented the following report viz. —

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting to be held at Somerset

The Committee appointed to visit Swanzey and South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and for

other services — Report — Several of their number attended the sittings of Swansey monthly meeting and communicated such advice as appeared to them suitable at the time, and as way opened for.

That they attended the Monthly Meeting of South Kingstown in the 8th Mo, and in conjunction with a number of the Yearly Meeting Committee then present, endeavoured to labour we trust, in a spirit of love, for the preservation of right order in the exercise of the discipline, and to encourage a proper submission to the advice of superior meetings, so essential in relation to the best interest of our Society. We regret to have to inform that our counsel did not meet on the part of many with a kind reception, and the disposition was manifest and prevailed, to act as an independent body.

The following communication was prepared and presented at their last meeting, viz.—

The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting, to visit South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and for other services, as will appear by the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting herewith presented.—

Now believe it right to state to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, that having taken into our deliberate consideration the proceedings of that meeting in the eighth month last, and other previous proceedings connected with it; which have had the effect to produce the present unhappy differences existing in that meeting and the state of insubordination in which it now is. — Have come to the conclusion that the placing of Samuel Sheffield at the table to act as Clerk in the fifth

month last in the irregular and disorderly manner in which it was effected, and by which procedure the feelings and views of many of the members were wholly disregarded; and being satisfied that he took his seat at the table and made the minute appointing himself out of the usual and long established order of said meeting in appointing their Clerk — We did therefore unite with the advice previously given to Timothy C Collins by the Yearly Meeting Committee that he should continue for the present to retain the Records of that Meeting.

And as this Committee were also fully united in the advice given in the 8th mo last to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting not to accept the report in the case of John Wilbur presented by that portion of the Committee, five of whom were added (contrary to the general usage of our Society) to the Committee appointed in the fourth month to have charge of the case, after Samuel Sheffield took his seat at the table in the fifth month; and as we have cause to apprehend from the manner in which they were selected, and from their relationship to the individual under care it was with a view to prevent an impartial exercise of our christian discipline. — We therefore now on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting advise South Kingstown Monthly Meeting at this time to remove Samuel Sheffield from acting as Clerk, and to reappoint Timothy C. Collins, to the service — to dismiss the case of Timothy C. Collins from their Records and discharge the Committee appointed last month to visit him as an offender for retaining

the Records of said Meeting, as advised to do by this Committee—and likewise that the decision in the eighth month last as entered on their minutes in relation to John Wilbur against the judgment of many concerned friends of that Meting, and against the united advice of this Committee be now set aside, and be made void and of no effect.

Signed by the Committee appointed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, to visit South-Kingstown Monthly Meting and advise it on its behalf

Hopkinton 10th mo. 24th 1842.

Beriah Collins
Joseph Metcalf
Arnold Congdon
Asa Sherman

— Members of the Committee present

Although not signed by all of us, it has our sanction.

It was read in the meting and directed to be recorded, and its farther consideration referred to their next meeting. Several friends expressed their desire that its recommendations should be conformed to by the meeting. From what has been witnessed by the Committee of the proceedings of that meeting, and from authentic information derived from others, they have come to the conclusion after a careful consideration of the subject that it is not in a suitable state to conduct the affairs of the church in accordance with our Christian discipline, nor consistently with our religious profession. We therefore submit to the Quarterly Meeting as our judgment

that South Kingstown Monthly Meeting be dissolved, and that the members constituting it be joined to those constituting Greenwich Monthly Meeting.

Signed at Somerset the 2nd of 11th mo 1842.

Signed at Providence 10th mo 26th 1842.

Joseph Metcalf
Phebe H Holden
Lydia C Smith

Jonathan Dennis
Nicholas Congdon
Beriah Collins
Isethro F Mitchel
Asa Sherman
Arnold Congdon
Joanna Peck
Ann Hopkins

"his report is accepted - and it is the judgment of this meeting that South Kingstown Monthly Meeting be dissolved and the members thereof attached to Greenwich Monthly Meeting and the same Committee is continued and requested to extend such care and advice to Subordinate Meetings as may appear to them necessary.

The Clerk was directed to extract Sign and forward to China Monthly Meeting the minute of our last Quarterly Meeting on behalf of Sybil & Ann Jones.

We conclude proposing to meet again in 2nd Month next at Providence if permitted

Sarah F Tobey - Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 2nd of 2nd Mo 1843 -

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz -

Rhode Island Ann Hopkins & Hannah Dennis
Swanzey Phebe Chace Mary Shove and Martha Chace
Greenwich Elizabeth Peckham Bethia D Parker & Prudence Greene
Providence Eunice Metcalf Sarah Metcalf, Anna
A Jenkins and Phebe H Holden. all present.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Our esteemed friend Daniel Clapp attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting — his company and religious services were acceptable to us

The friend appointed last Quarter to inform the select Meeting of the concurrence of this in relation to Ann Hopkins — has attended thereto.

The London printed epistle of last year has been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet if permitted, in 5th mo next at Greenwich.

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 4th of 5th mo 1843.

By accounts received at this time from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz —
Rhode Island Mary A. Hazard & Dorcas Dennis.
Swanzey Elizabeth Shove Susan Gifford & Mary Shove.
Greenwich Mary A. Collins Lydia Gould & Abby D. Arnold.
Providence Olive Wing Eunice Metcalf & Mary W Smith.
who being called are all present.

Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins at this time informed us, that she had been favoured so far to perform the service for which

she was liberated by this meeting, in the 5th mo 1841 as to attend the Yearly Meetings of Ireland and London last year and to accomplish such other religious engagements within their limits as she believed to be required of her at that time - and that she then felt released, and was enabled with a peaceful mind to return to her family and friends.

She presented a certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland - which (with the foregoing information) was very acceptable to us - and is as follows - viz -

"To Providence Monthly Meeting, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England.

Dear Friends

Our beloved friend Anna Mary Jenkins to whom you granted certificates liberating her for the performance of a religious visit in these parts; having attended our Yearly Meeting and being now about to depart for England in the prosecution of the service to which she believes herself called. We certify on her behalf that her company at this meeting has been truly acceptable to us - that we have full unity with her gospel labours and that her solid deportment has been instructive and edifying

We desire to commend her to the continued preservation of the good shepherd, who putteth forth his own and goeth before them, and are with the salutation of love - your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland held in Dublin on the 23rd of 4th mo. 1842 - and by adjournment on the 30th of the same -

Joseph Bewley Clerk to the Meeting this year -

And this our dear friend, has now spread before us, in a feeling and impressive manner a concern that weightily rests upon her mind, to visit in gospel love as way may open for it - Friends and others in Great Britain & Ireland - and also in some places upon the European Continent - and to appoint meetings as her mind may be drawn thereto - as expressed in her certificate from Providence Monthly meeting - We were

introduced into near sympathy with her in this renewed exercise of faith, and dedication to the service of our divine Master, and she was feelingly encouraged to pursue her prospect as Truth may direct.

In thus liberating our beloved Sister for this farther weighty service in your land — we believe it to be right for us, to add our testimony to that of the Monthly Meeting, that she is a Minister in unity, and good esteem with us, sound in doctrine and exemplary in life and conversation.

We fervently commend her to the protecting care of the Unslumbering Shepherd of Israel — earnestly desiring her preservation, and safe return when her gospel labours among you shall have been accomplished —

The Clerk was directed to endorse the foregoing minute on her certificate and sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers at large from each of our Monthly Meetings, and a Summary collected therefrom, which with an account to the Yearly Meeting we forward by our friends Elizabeth Mekeel Elizabeth Wing Mary A Collins Anna A Jenkins Mary Shove Elizabeth Peckham and Mary Hazard whom we appoint our representatives.

Our beloved friend Rowland Greene opened in this meeting a prospect that had for a considerable time rested upon his mind of visiting in gospel love the meetings constituting the Quarterly Meetings of Purchase, Nine Partners Stanford, and Cornwall in the State of New York and to appoint some meetings amongst those not of our society if way should open for it — as expressed in his certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting. His prospect claimed

our deliberate consideration and was fully united with by this meeting and the clerk was directed to sign on its behalf, an endorsement prepared by our friends.

An interesting memorial from Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of our friend Andrew Nichols was read and approved.

Our beloved friend Moses H. Beede returned at this time the certificate of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting endorsed by this in 5th mo. last — with the information that he had been favoured to accomplish the service as therein expressed to the relief and peace of his own mind, which was satisfactory to us — He presented minutes from the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore & North Carolina, and one from Western Quarterly Meeting, expressing that his company and gospel labours had been acceptable to them.

We conclude, supposing — if permitted — to meet in 8th mo. next at Portsmouth.

Sarah G. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 3rd of 8th mo. 1849.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are Viz —

Rhode Island — Mary Hazard and Ruth Potter.

Swanzey — Ruth Buffington Patience Chace & Mary Shove

Greenwich — Dinah B. Sisson and Joanna Peck

Providence — Deborah Jenks, Sarah G. Tobey & Mary W. Smith.

who being called are all present except one — for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a minister in unity with us, & present before us at this time a concern that had for some years rested upon her mind to attend the Yearly Meeting

of North Carolina and to visit some meetings within its limits - also to attend some meetings on her way going and returning and to appoint some meetings as expressed in her certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting.

Her prospect claimed our deliberate consideration and was fully united with - and she left at liberty to proceed therein as Truth may direct.

The clerk was directed to endorse this minute upon her certificate and sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting informs that they attended agreeably to appointment.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, the London epistle of last year, and transcripts of epistles from Ohio & Indianna have been received and acceptably read at this time. The report of the Boarding School Committee has also been acceptably read.

We conclude purposing to meet in 11th mo 4th next at Swanzey - if permitted.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzey the 2nd of 11th mo 1843

By accounts received at this time from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz.

Rhode Island. Mary Hicks and Hannah Gifford

Swansey Sybil Chace Rebecca Shove & Anna Shove -

Greenwich Amey Knowls Prudence Greene & Mary W. Collins

Providence Hannah C. Robinson Eunice Metcalf & Lienath Buffinton

who being called are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

Our beloved friends Ruth Davis and Susan Rowland attended this meeting with minutes from New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 10th mo 26th expressive of their unity with them in their present religious engagement their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Charles F Coffin attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sidney Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us

A certificate on behalf of our esteemed friend Eli Jones from China Monthly Meeting and passed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting with a minute on behalf of his companion Daniel Smiley from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting have been read at this time both of whom are acceptably in attendance of this meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend Rowland Greene returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting in 5th mo last with the information that he had been enabled to accomplish the service as therein expressed to the relief and peace of his own mind which was satisfactory to us he presented minutes from Smithfield, Oswego & Nine Partners Monthly Meetings, and one from Purchase Quarterly Meeting expressing that his company & services had been acceptable to them.

A transcript of an epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting has been acceptably read at this time.

The year having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting we appoint Susanna Greene Elizabeth King Mary Thorne and Eunice Metcalf to confer with some friends for that service and report to our

next Quarterly Meeting.

We conclude by proposing to meet again if permitted in the 2nd Mo. next at Providence.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 1st of 2nd Mo. 1844

By accounts furnished by the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz—

Rhode Island Lucy Carr and Anna Mott

Swansey Phebe Chace Phebe Robinson and Mary Shove

Greenwich Deborah Collins Dinah Sisson and Bethia D. Parker

Providence Sarah Metcalf Sarah Earle & Eunice Metcalf.

who are present except one.

The committee in case of Clerks not being ready to prepare minutes for the year, Lydia C. Smith is appointed Clerk for the day and Anna T. Dennis assistant

Our esteemed friend Anna D. King attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting held 25th of 1st mo. 1844. her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to forward to Sandwich Mo. Meeting a copy of this minute

Our esteemed friend Daniel Cloyd attended this meeting with a minute from Uxbridge Mo. Meeting expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement — Also Dennet Gifford with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Mo. Meeting their company is acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes prepared for them by our friends. — The clerk is directed to extract sign & forward to Monthly Meeting the minute of our last Quarterly Meeting on behalf of Ruth Davis & and Susan Howland.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Meader returned the certificate of Providence Monthly Meeting endorsed by this in 8th mo last giving the information that she had been enabled to perform the required service to the satisfaction and peace of her own mind. She presented minutes from the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina held in the 10th mo — from Western Quarterly Meeting, and Deep River 2nd Monthly Meeting held in the 11th mo 1843. each expressing satisfaction in having her company, and unity with her religious labours amongst them, — the account is acceptable to this meeting.

The London printed epistle has been read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet again in the 5th mo at Greenwich if permitted

Lydia C Smith Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich the 2nd of 5th mo 1844.

By accounts received at this time from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz.

Rhode Island Hannah Dennis and Mary Williams

Swansey Elizabeth Shove Mary Shove and Sarah Slade

Greenwich Amey Knowls Joanna Peck and Phebe C. Reynolds

Providence Lydia C Smith Sarah F Tobey Eunice Metcalf and Anna M. Dennis. — Who are all present.

The committee on the subject of Clerk report that they are united in proposing Sarah F. Tobey for clerk and Mary Williams assistant, which being satisfactory to the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary

has been formed which we forward with an answer
to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Ann Hopkins
Olive Wing Mary Thorn Joanna Peck Elizabeth
Meader Deborah Collins and Mary Williams whom
we appoint our representatives to attend said Meeting

A certificate from Farmham Monthly Meeting
endorsed by Pembrough Quarterly Meeting on behalf
of our friend David C. Hannah, and one from the same
Meeting on behalf of our friend Charles Tabor, with a
minute from Penn Monthly Meeting held at Newtown
on behalf of Paul Southwick companion of Charles
Tabor have been read all of whom are acceptably
in attendance at this Meeting.

We have united with our friends in granting permis-
sion to Providence Monthly Meeting during the
erection of a meeting house which is now in progress
in Providence to hold said Meeting at Friends
Meeting house in Smithfield.

Transcripts of epistles from Philadelphia
North Carolina & Virginia have been read at this
time.

We conclude purposing to meet in 8th mo next
at Portsmouth if permitted

Sarah H. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Portsmouth the 1st of 8th mo 1841
By accounts received at this time from our Monthly
Meetings their Representatives are viz—
Rhode Island Eliza Chace & Ruth Potter
Swansey Sybil Chace Nancy Lincoln & Ruth B. Buffington
Greenwich Joanna Peck Phebe C Reynolds Catharine C Earle
Providence Dorcas Paine Olive Wing & Lydia Congdon
who being called in present except these.

The Clerk not being present, Samuel Hallowell was appointed for the day.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 4th from the several monthly meetings have been read.

Our beloved friend Anna Jenkins returned at this time the certificates granted her by Providence Monthly and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings - with the information that she had accomplished the services which she believed required of her, to the satisfaction and relief of her own mind, and was favoured to feel the enriching reward of peace - She presented returning certificates from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in Dublin the 23rd & 30th of 4th mo 1842 - and on the 24th of 4th mo & by adjournment the 4th of 5th mo 1844. - Also from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London on the 22nd & 23rd of 5th mo & on the 3rd of 6th mo 1842 - and on the 20th 21st & 31st of 5th mo 1844 expressive of their unity and Christian fellowship with her - which are all satisfactory and interesting to us at this time.

Our beloved friend John Pease, a minister from Great Britain, attended this meeting and produced a certificate from the Monthly meeting of Darlington held in 1st of 3rd mo 1843, endorsed by Durham Quarterly Meeting, also a certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London, by adjournments on the 22nd and 23rd of 5th mo - and the 3rd of 6th mo of the same year - in which unity and sympathy was expressed with him in the prospect of religious labour in this land - his company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable and strengthening to us.

Samuel Hillis presented a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Wilmington, Delaware, expressive of their approval of his accompanying our friend John Pease.

A certificate from this Monthly Meeting of Friends of Shropshire - Coalbrookdale in Great Britain held 1844 on behalf of Barnard Dickenson a Minister in unity, who is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting has been read to our Satisfaction.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended agreeably to appointment and had in charge an Epistle from that Meeting to its Quarterly Monthly & Preparative Meetings - also transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin - and (excepting one) from all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent - and the report of the Boarding School Committee.

The Committee appointed in the 8th mo 1842 and since continued, made the following report viz - which is accepted.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting to be held this day.

Your Committee appointed to attend the Monthly Meetings, report - that we have a number of us attended Swansey Monthly Meeting diverse times and have to inform that in our judgment that Meeting is not in a situation to manage or administer our Christian discipline; to the honour of Truth. We therefore submit the situation thereof to the weighty consideration of the Quarterly Meeting

On behalf of the Committee

Nicholas Longdon

8th mo 1st 1844 Joanna Cook

A report of the Yearly Meetings Committee, with a statement of their proceedings in Swansey Monthly Meeting has been read, accepted, and is as follows - viz.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

Dear Friends

The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to extend a general care on its

behalf for the preservation of love and unity among our members and the support of our Christian discipline believe it right, in the discharge of the duties devolving upon them, to inform the Quarterly Meeting, that under a apprehension that Swansey Monthly Meeting was not in a suitable condition to administer our Christian discipline to the honour of Truth, for the want of love and unity among its members, several of them visited said meeting, and extended to them the following written advice — Viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to extend a general care on its behalf for the preservation of love and unity among our members, the maintainance of our Christian testimonies principles and testimonies, & the support of the discipline of the Church, and in the ability that may be afforded them to assist & advise such meetings & members as circumstances may require, and way open for, under the direction of Best Wisdom having from a belief that our duty under our appointment required it, met with the Committee of your meeting appointed about two years since to propose the names of Overseers and Clerks, and apprehending that the cause of Truth, and the right exercise of our Christian discipline urgently demand that there should be no further delay in the cases, were united in giving the following advice.

It appearing by the voluntary declaration of those members, of a Committee who were present, appointed as we apprehend, without the authority of discipline, and out of the usual order of society

to visit the overseers when they presented a complaint against an individual, that they believed Edmund Chace to be innocent of the charges preferred against him by said individual, and that they did not intend in their report to the Monthly Meeting to implicate him — we were united in judgment, that this document ought not to be retained by the Monthly Meeting or among its papers, but destroyed.

The Committee on overseers informed us that they had agreed upon five friends for this station, and there being but one of them from within the limits of Fall River preparative Meeting (it being usual to appoint two from that Meeting) in view of the circumstance we were united in advising the committee to propose to the Monthly Meeting, to appoint Edmund Chace in addition to those named, there not appearing to be any grounds for the objections originally urged against his appointment.

The Committee in relation to Clerks informed us that they could not agree upon names; and after a full consideration of the case, we thought it right to advise the committee to propose to the Monthly Meeting to appoint David Shove for clerk and Jonathan Sanborn for assistant Clerk — and we are now united in advising the Monthly Meeting to make these appointments and carry into effect these recommendations, believing that thereby the best interests of the Monthly Meeting, and

its preservation in the unity of the Quarterly and Yearly Meeting will be promoted.

On behalf of the Yearly Meeting Committee

Swanzey 7th mo 29th 1844 Rowland Greene

which being read was not accepted; altho. the judgment of the committee was given them, that it was the solid sense of the Meeting, to accept the same and proceed in making the appointments, and carrying out the recommendations therein contained

The Clerk declining to record this as the sense of the Meeting in which he was supported by a few individuals — The committee are therefore united in judgment, that the Monthly Meeting needs assistance from the Quarterly Meeting in order for the due administration of our Christian discipline

On behalf of the Yearly Meeting Committee.

Rowland Greene

Portsmouth 8th mo 1st 1844 Elizabeth Wing

We conclude, if permitted to meet in the 11th mo at Swanzey

Hannah Gould Jun Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Samuel the 7th of 11th mo 1841
By accounts received at this time from our Monthly
Meetings the representatives are—viz.
Rhode Island Ann Hopkins & Mary Williams
Swansey Rebecca Shaw Anna Shaw & Sybil Chace
Greenwich Catharine C. Cook Deborah Collins & Phebe Reynolds
Providence Eunice Metcalf Sarah Tobey & Mary W. Smith.
who being called are all present
The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from
the several Monthly Meetings have been read
Our beloved friend Elizabeth Maden a Minister
in unity with us, opened before this meeting a concern
that had for a long time rested with weight upon her
mind and increasingly so of late, to attend the Quarterly Meetings of Butternuts & Saratoga
and to visit a few of the Meetings thereto belonging—
also to visit the Meetings constituting Harrisburgh
Quarterly Meeting—and if way should open for it
to appoint Meetings amongst those not in religious
profession with us, as expressed in her certificate from
Providence Monthly Meeting.
Her prospect claimed the solid consideration of this
meeting and was fully united with and she encouraged to proceed therein as Truth may direct.
A minute from Sandwich Mo. Meeting of Friends
State of New Hampshire on behalf of our esteemed
friend Benjamin Fry, and one from Sandwich Mo.
Meeting of Friends held at Yarmouth on behalf
of our esteemed friend Samuel Coffin, with one

from Dartmouth Mon meeting on behalf of our friend Isaac R Gifford & his wife & their R companions to Samuel Gifford - have been read, all of whom are acceptably in attendance of this Meeting

Our Esteemed friend Moses H. Beede opened in this meeting a concern which has for some time impressed his mind to pay a religious visit to the Quarterly Meetings of Salem & Dover in our own Yearly Meeting, and Scalaga and Scrisbugh in New York Yearly Meeting, and to the several meetings returning home. The concern obtained the full unity of this Meeting and the Clerk is authorized to sign the endorsement prepared in this meeting to be placed to be placed on his certificate from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

Men friends presented at this time a report from their Committee appointed last Quarter to visit Swansey Monthly Meeting and assist in the maintainance of the good order and discipline of our Society - which is accepted and is as follows - viz -

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed to visit Swansey Monthly Meeting and assist in the maintainance of the good order, and discipline of our Society - Report -

That we have attended to our appointment and have endeavoured to render that Meeting such assistance as appeared necessary, and way opened for.

In the eighth month we attended said Monthly Meeting, held in Fall River; - The Yearly Meetings

Committee were present, and proposed before any opening minute was read, that David Shove be appointed Clerk in accordance with the written advice given by them at the previous Monthly Meeting. And as it was considered, that the meeting could not commence its business and maintain our Christian discipline and its unity with the Quarterly & Yearly Meetings, with Thomas Wilbur acting as Clerk he having declined to record what was clearly the sense and judgment of the Monthly Meeting that David Shove be appointed Clerk - he was accordingly appointed to that station, and having received the accounts from the preparative meetings, he called upon the representatives who all answered to their names, after which he proceeded with the business of the meeting. Thomas Wilbur the former clerk having taken his seat at the table, was tenderly advised to withdraw therefrom, with which he refused to comply, and retaining the records in his hands, proceeded in reading his minutes, in doing which he was supported by a few individuals. In this situation a short adjournment was concluded upon, in which the women's meeting united, and Friends withdrew from the house, leaving Thomas Wilbur and a few others individuals holding a separate meeting.

At the hour of adjournment Friends again met and under a very solemn covering which was believed to be an evidence of the continuation of Divine favour and regard, proceeded and accomplished their business in much harmony.

The next monthly Meeting was held at Somerset and several of our number again attended. Thomas Wilbur and the few associated with him were present, and again persisted in holding their separate Meeting.

As the Womens Meeting refused to recognize them to be a Quarterly Meeting of men Friends, two of them were requested by Thomas Wilson to propose to the women that they should appoint Clerks who would act upon such business as they might lay before them

The Monthly Meeting having finished its business Friends withdrew from the house, leaving the others holding their meeting. At the rising of the women a very few of their number kept their seats and after Friends had withdrawn we are informed they appointed a clerk and formed a seperate womens Meeting;

At the Monthly Meeting in the 10th Month we again attended and they then held their seperate meeting to the grief and disturbance of Friends who were again under the necessity of adjourning for a short time, to prevent disorder and confusion. The number who have thus proceeded contrary to the long established order of our Society appears to be small and we are comforted in believing that the Monthly Meeting as a body is concerned to preserve and maintain its unity with the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, and to support our christian discipline and we are united in opinion, that further assistance from the Quarterly Meeting, would be acceptable and serviceable to that Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Peleg F. Mitchell
Lucretia Chase
Timothy C. Collins
William S. Peery
Gideon C. Smith
Simon Davis

Somerset 11th mo 9th 1844

The following minute has been received from men Friends - viz -

To the Womens Quarterly Meeting now sitting;
We being informed that your Meeting did not appoint

a committee to unite with the committee appointed by our last Meeting, and it appearing by the foregoing report from men Friends that the Monthly Meeting of Women Friends of Swansey has been subject to the same difficulty as the men, by a small number separating therefrom and setting up what they denominate a Monthly Meeting, this Meeting is united in offering the report of our committee herewith presented for your acceptance

David Buffum Clerk.

And we accordingly appoint Elizabeth Peckham Joanna Peck Lydia Congdon Phebe C. Reynolds Hannah Dennis Ann Hopkins Elizabeth Wing Mary Williams and Eunice Metcalf to unite with a Committe of men friends in extending care and advice to Swansey Mo-Meeting, and to assist in the maintainance of the good order and discipline of our Society.

We have united with men Friends in granting permission to Providence Monthly Meeting to hold said meeting at Providence instead of alternately at Smithfield and Providence, as formerly.

This Meeting concludes, purposing to meet in 2nd Month next at Providence if permitted.

Sarah K. Tobey Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 6th of 2nd Mo 1845.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz

Rhode Island Elizabeth T. Chace & Mary Williams
Swansey Susan Gifford Anna Shove & Elizabeth Shove
Greenwich Mary Allen Sinah C. Sisson & Phebe C. Reynolds
Providence Hannah C. Robinson Dorcas Paine & Elizabeth Congdon

present except two.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this Meeting in 6th mo last with the information that though divine help, she had been favoured to accomplish the service as therein expressed to the entire relief and peace of her own mind. She also presented minutes from Butternuts and Saratoga Quarterly Meetings and from Pennsburgh and Starksborough Monthly Meetings expressing that her company and Gospel labours had been acceptable and edifying to them

Our beloved friend Davis Dudley attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from St Albans Mo Meeting, his company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Samuel Taylor Jr attended this meeting with a minute from Sidney Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement—his company has been acceptable to us as also that of our esteemed friend David Douglas companion to Davis Dudley who is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from St Albans Mo Meeting.

and the clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting - minutes prepared for them by their Friends

The following address from the Meeting for Sufferings has been acceptably read at this time. Viz

To the Preparative, Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Friends within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends——

In the discharge of the important duties devolving upon this Meeting, in the recess of the Yearly Meeting, we feel it to be incumbent upon us at this time to address you, and inform you of some of the deeply painful circumstances that have transpired in Society since our last Yearly Meeting, in the progress of that separating spirit that is producing divisions among us.

In Swanzey Monthly Meeting for a long time past there has been a want of that love and unity which are essential to the right conducting of the affairs of Truth. More than two years since, Committees were appointed in that meeting to propose the names of Elders and Overseers of Society, but they were unable to agree upon Friends for those stations.

The state of this meeting had claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, and also of a Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting previous to our last Yearly

Meeting and much labor had been bestowed by them to remedy the existing difficulties and to produce that organization of the meeting that would enable it to carry into effect the discipline — the administration of which had been seriously interrupted. The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting "to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require and way open for", with a number of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee then under appointment, met with those two Committees of the Monthly Meeting in the 5th month and united with a part of them in their proposing to the meeting the names of certain Friends for Clerks and Overseers. With the exception of two or three individuals, all the members of these Committees of the Monthly Meeting either united with the names proposed or expressed their acquiescence therein. They were accordingly reported by those Committees to the Monthly Meeting, and the report was fully united with by the large body of the members of that Meeting. A few individuals opposed it, and the Clerk who was one of this number refused to record the clearly expressed sense of the meeting although earnestly advised to do so by the Yearly Meeting's Committee in attendance. The condition of this meeting as it then stood was presented to the Quarterly Meeting in the 8th month, which again appointed a Committee to visit Swanzey Monthly Meeting and assist in its due organization, that our christian

Discipline might be supported, as in former days, to the honour of Truth.

At the following Monthly Meeting, the individual who had previously acted as Clerk still persisting in attempting to hold that station contrary to the fully expressed sense of the meeting and of the Quarterly Meeting's committee, and of the earnest entreaty and advice of the Yearly Meeting's Committee — and the Monthly Meeting having again at this time (with the exception of those individuals who had manifested their opposition at the last meeting) united in the appointment as Clerk of the Friend who had been selected at the previous meeting, he proceeded to open the meeting, and the Representatives from all the Preparative Meetings presented to him the Reports from those meetings, and all answered to the calling of their names.

Notwithstanding this decision of the meeting, the former Clerk continued to sit at the table and to form and read minutes — and to prevent confusion, Friends, after having read the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting appointing its committee, adjourned to a later hour in the afternoon — by far the larger part of the men's meeting and all the women withdrawing from the house and mostly again assembling at the hour of adjournment to transact the business of the meeting. The persons who sustained

the former Clerk in his decision against the judgment of the meeting, with several women who were also disaffected towards Society, continued to hold what they call Monthly Meetings and at Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, in the 11th month, they presented an account purporting to come from Swanzey Monthly Meeting, which was not received or in any way acknowledged. After the business of the Quarterly Meeting was concluded, these individuals with a few from the other Monthly Meetings, both men and women, most of whom had for a length of time openly manifested a want of unity with friends, remained in the house and called themselves Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, appointing Clerks and a Committee to visit subordinate meetings.— This Committee thus appointed has since visited the Monthly Meetings and attempted to sit in them and to be recognized as a Committee from the Quarterly Meeting organized as we have described in a wholly unprecedented and irregular manner. Most of them being already under dealing as offenders in their respective Monthly Meetings and refusing to leave friends select, for the support of our discipline adjournment has been resorted to in order to be freed from this intrusion. A few individuals have been found in each of the Monthly Meetings

in Rhode Island Quarter who, being disaffected towards the body of Friends have, under the advisement of this Committee united in forming what they denominate Monthly Meetings, assuming to themselves the names of those meetings respectively."

Thus, dear friends, a division in Society has taken place within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting; but we are comforted in being able to state that the great body of Friends remain united together, concerned for the support of the ancient principles, testimonies and discipline of our religious Society.

Attempts are ~~strenuously~~ made by the ~~Separatists~~ to fasten upon the Yearly Meeting and those who do not unite

The cause of this schism we apprehend is to be found in a spirit of disaffection and desire for individual liberty that is not willing to submit to that necessary subordination recognized in our Discipline, of inferior to superior meetings, and of each member to the body, which has ever been found essential to the welfare and preservation of our religious Society.

Attempts are strenuously made by the Separatists to fasten upon the Yearly Meeting, and those who do not unite with them, a charge of unsoundness in our fundamental

principles— an accusation which we are fully assured is entirely unfounded in fact— as we have abundant evidence of the unabated concern of Friends to maintain inviolate the ancient doctrines and testimonies of our religious Society as professed and sustained by our worthy predecessors in the truth, and to support our christian Discipline. As a manifestation of the care of Friends to hold us to those Gospel Truths which we do most solemnly believe and which have ever been received by us as a people, we would refer to divers documents that have been issued by the Yearly Meeting or Meeting for Sufferings within the past few years, in which Friends are exhorted not only to hold fast to those ancient and established principles and testimonies of our Society, but faithfully cautioned against giving any countenance to the receiving or spreading of unsound doctrines, either by reading or circulating books containing them or otherwise. The documents to which we specially allude are an "Minute of the Yearly Meeting" in 1836— "An Epistle to the members of the Society of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting from the Meeting for Sufferings" in 1838— the Introduction to the "Memorials of Deceased Friends" published in 1844, as well as the Appendix thereto, being a reprint of "The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the Continent of

America" — and "An Essay on some of the prominent Doctrines and Testimonies of Friends," issued by the Yearly Meeting in 1843.
These candid, full and explicit declarations, and the continued care that has been manifested by Friends individually to observe the recommendations contained in them, leave those without excuse who still persist in charging upon Society a dereliction from the principles of our predecessors in religious profession.

Efforts, we have cause to believe, are exerted in other Quarterly Meetings to extend the spirit of disaffection and to produce divisions among Friends — and these efforts are often masked under the very plausible pretext of a concern for the support of the ancient principles and testimonies of our religious Society. We feel it to be our duty affectionately to entreat and solemnly to warn Friends to beware of being taken in the snare that is spread for them. Brethren — be not deceived. May the great Head of the Church in His mercy still condescend to watch over and direct us as individuals and as a body, that we may be preserved from falling. In order that no embarassment may be experienced by Friends in determining what Meetings are in unity with the Society we have appointed the following correspondents to act until the

time of our next Yearly Meeting, by whom all documents issued by their respective meetings are to be signed, in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks; and any paper purporting to come from either of those meetings, not signed by the appointed correspondent, ~~to~~ should be deemed as spurious—viz:

For Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting— Thomas Howland
For Rhode Island Monthly Meeting— Jethro F. Mitchell
For Greenwich Monthly Meeting— Rowland Greene
For Swanzey Monthly Meeting— —Oliver Earle.
For Providence Monthly Meeting— — Samuel Boyd Tobey—

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting, held at Providence, by adjournment, the 6th of 12th month, 1844.

Samuel Boyd Tobey. Clerk.

The committee appointed last Quarter to visit Swansey Monthly Meting and assist in the maintainance of the good order and discipline of our Society presented the following report viz which is accepted and the same committee are continued and requested to attend such care and advice as may be necessary

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The committe appointed to assist Swansey Monthly Meeting report, that some Four members have attended each meeting since last Quarter, and inform that Friends continue to be disturbed by the seperatists, and that further care from

The Quarterly Meeting may be useful, which we submit to the meeting

Sethro F. Mitchell
Gideon L. Smith
Mary Williams

For the Committe

Providence 2nd mo 6th 1845

Swansey Monthly Meeting informs that Mary Buffinton one of their Select Members has been denied the right of membership, and we appoint Anna Shove to inform the Select Meeting thereof.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting, we appoint Elizabeth Meader Eunice Metcalf and Elizabeth Wing to confer with some friends for that station and report to our next Meeting.

We conclude, purposing to meet in 5th Mo next at Greenwich if permitted

Sarah F. Tobey — Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 1st of 5th Mo 1845

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz—

Rhode Island Lucina Carr and Hannah Gifford
Swansey Phebe Chace Sarah Slocum & Mary Shove
Greenwich Dinah G Sisson Anna Howland & Joanna Peck
Providence Mary K Buffinton Mary H. Smith & Lydia Thompson

who being called are all present.

The committe appointed last Quarter on the subject of Clerks report, that they are united in proposing Sarah F Tobey for Clerk and Mary Williams

assistant, which being approved by the Meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing Year

The Queries have been read with answers from our several Monthly Meetings from which a Summary has been formed, which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth Wing, Elizabeth Meader Deborah Collins Hannah Dennis Elizabeth Peckham and Mary Shove whom we appoint our representatives to attend said Meeting.

Our esteemed friend Rowland Greene a Minister in unity with us, opened in this Meeting a prospect that had for some time rested with weight upon his mind of paying a visit in Gospel Love to Friends in New Jersey, and also to Friends within the limits of Westbury Quarterly Meeting a branch of New York Yearly Meeting and as way may open for it of appointing some meetings amongst those not in religious profession with us, as expressed in his certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting. His prospect obtained our deliberate consideration and was fully united with and the Clerk was directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting an endorsement prepared for him by our friends

The friend under appointment to inform the Select Meeting of the disownment of Mary Buffington from membership with us, has attended thereto.

Greenwich - Monthly Meeting informs that Lydia Willcox and Eunice Foster, members of the Select Meeting have been disowned from our religious Society, and we appoint Joanna Peck to inform the Select meeting thereof -

Our esteemed friend Mrs. M. Breed returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting in the 11th month last, with minutes from Fernsburgh and Farnham Monthly Meetings expressing that his gospel labors had been satisfactory and edifying there -

The Committee appointed last quarter to visit and assist Swanzey Monthly Meeting, presented the following Report - which is accepted and the Committee accordingly released - viz -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 7th of 8th mo 1845.

By accounts received at this time from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz-

Rhode Island Ruth Potter and Lucina Carr

Swansey Phebe Chace Nancy Lincoln and Susan S. Gifford

Greenwich Joanna Peck Eudoce Greene and Abby D. Arnold

Providence Dorcas Paine Elizabeth Mader & Deborah H. Jenkins

who being called are present except one-

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 4th & 10th from our several mo Meetings.

A minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of our esteemed friend Samuel Gifford has been read he is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting and his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. A minute from the same Meeting on behalf of his companion Nathan King has also been read, he is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended agreeably to appointment and had in charge a transcript of an epistle from London, with those from all the Yearly Meetings on this continent.

The friend appointed last Quarter to inform the Select Meeting of the disownment of Lydia Wilbur and Eunice Foster from membership with us, has attended thereto.

Our beloved friend John Mader a Minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a prospect that rested with weight upon his mind of attending in Gospel love the approaching Yearly Meetings of Ohio & Indiana

of visiting most of the meetings in the northern and western parts of New York Yearly Meeting as expressed in his certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting. his prospect claiming our deliberate consideration was fully united with by this meeting and the clerk was directed to sign on its behalf an endorsement prepared by our friends.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting the report of the Boarding School committee, and an epistle from the Yearly Meeting to its Quarterly & Monthly Meetings have been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet in 11th Mo next at Swansey if permitted.

Sarah F. Tobey - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey the 6th of 11th Mo 1845.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz -

Rhode Island Ruth Potter and Eliza Chace

Swansey Eunice Barnard Anna Shove & Sarah Buffinton

Greenwich Catharine C. Cole, Amy Knowles & Nate Reynolds

Providence Eunice Metcalf, Dorcas B Robinson & Lydia Thompson

who being called are all present.

The Clerk being absent Mary Williams is appointed clerk for the day and Harriet Shove assistant

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have united with Swansey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Shove to the Station of an Elder Mary Shove is appointed to communicate this information to the Select Meeting-

Our Esteemed Friend John Reader returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this Meeting in 8th mo last with the information that he had accomplished such part of the Service as there in expressed as way opened for to the entire relief of his own mind- which was satisfactory to us- He presented returning minutes from Scituate Yearly Meeting & Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting expressing that his company & religious Services had been acceptable and edifying.

Men friends inform that they have united with Swansey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Oliver Earle to the Station of an Elder also with East Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Wm S. Perry to the same Station- in which we unite.

We conclude purposing to meet at Providence in the 2nd month if permitted.

Mary Williams. Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 8th of 6th mo 1846
By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz -
Rhode Island Elizabeth Wing & Lucina Carr -
Swansey Phebe Chace 2nd Elizabeth Shove and Mary Shove
Greenwich Freelove A Greene Susannah Greene & Bethia D. Parker
Providence Lydia Thompson Dorcas Rine & Mary M Bassiter.
who are all present.
The epistles have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Dove attended this meeting with a minute from Purbrook Mo Meeting expressive of their unity with her in her present religious engagement. Also our beloved friend Abigail M. Hansen with a minute of concurrence from Dover Monthly Meeting, their company & gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the Meeting.

The friend named last Quarter to inform the Select Meeting of the appointment of Elizabeth Shove to the station of an Elder has attended thereto.

A minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting on behalf of our esteemed friend Reuben Jones has been read he is in attendance of this meeting and his company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

A minute from the same Meeting, on behalf of his companion

Valentine J. Meader has also been read, who is acceptably in attendance of this meeting.

Men friends inform that they have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Benjamin Greene to the station of an elder. Also with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Langdon & William Jenkins to the same station - with which this meeting unites.

We are informed that our esteemed friend Rowland Greene has returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting in 5th mo last, with the information that he has accomplished the service then in prospect as far as was opened for at the time.

A transcript of an epistle from Baltimore has been read.

We conclude purposing to meet in 5th mo next at Greenwich if permitted.

Sarah J. Tobey Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 7th of 5th month 1846.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz.

Rhode Island: Anne Borden & Mary Williams
Swansey: Phebe Chace, Sarah Slade & Nancy Lincoln
Greenwich: Elizabeth Peckham Catharine Clarke & Deborah Collins
Providence: Elizabeth Meader Sarah J. Tobey & Dorcas Paine

who being called are all present

The Queries have been read with answers at large from our several Monthly Meetings and a Summary collected therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Joanna Peck Elizabeth Wing Mary Shove Elizabeth Shove Elizabeth Meader Deborah Collins Mary Williams & Ann Hopkins, whom we appoint our representatives to attend said Meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader spread before this Meeting a concern that rested with weight upon her mind of attending in Gospel love the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in New York of visiting some of the Meetings composing Westbury Purchase & Nine Partners Quarterly Meetings, and as way may open for it of appointing a few Meetings amongst those not in membership with us, as expressed in her certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting.

Her concern after claiming our deliberate consideration was fully united with - and she encouraged to proceed therein as Truth may open the way - and the Clerk was directed to place the foregoing minute upon her certificate and sign it on behalf of the Meeting.

We are informed by our friends that from information received from Greenwich Monthly Meeting they have concluded to appoint a committee to visit that Meeting to take into view the propriety of granting the request of South Kingston preparative Meeting for the establishment of a Monthly Meeting at that place - and we appoint Dorcas Paine Mary

Williams Elizabeth Wing Lydia Thompson & Elizabeth Shove to unite with a committee of men friends in the service and report their judgment in the case, when ready.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting - we appoint Joanna Peck Lydia Thompson & Anna D Wing to confer with some friends for that service and propose them to our next meeting.

We conclude purposing to meet in 8th month next at Portsmouth if permitted.

Sarah F Tobey Clerk -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 6th of 8th mo 1846.

The representatives from our several Monthly Meetings are viz.

Rhode Island Ann Hopkins & Avis C Mumford
Swansey Anna Shove Amey S Anthony & Ruth Buffington
Greenwich Phebe C Reynolds Abby D Arnold & Anne Hoxland
Providence Lydia Thompson Patience Haskell & Hannah A Mason

all present except two.

The committee not being prepared to report on the subject of Clerks Mary Williams & Hannah Gould jun are appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our dear Friend Elizabeth Wing a minister in unity with us, spread before this meeting a concern which had rested on her mind to attend the ensuing

Yearly Meeting of Baltimore and to visit some of the
Meetings composing it, as expressed in her certificate
from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting - This Meeting
is united in leaving her at liberty to attend to it as
best wisdom may direct

Our beloved Friend John Meader spread before us
concern which attends his mind to visit the approaching
Yearly Meetings of Baltimore & North Carolina and to
attend some Meetings constituting them which being
united with the Clerk is authorized to sign the endors
ment prepared in Mens Meeting -

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader returned
the minute given her at our last Quarterly Meeting
with an endorsment thereon from the Yearly Meeting
of Ministers & Elders of New York expressing that her
company and religious services had been acceptable
to them, She also informed us, She had been favoured
to accomplish the Service to the relief of her own mind
both being satisfactory to us.

We were informed that all the representatives to the Yearly
Meeting attended except one, who was prevented by indisposition

We have at this time received the extracts from the minutes
of our last Yearly Meeting to its subordinate Meetings, Minutes
of the Yearly Meeting relative to the Boarding School, together
with the report of the committee - Transcripts of Epistles from
London and other Yearly Meetings, all of them acceptable
to us, and are directed to our Monthly Meetings.

We conclude purposing to meet in the 11th mo at Swansey
if permitted. Mary Williams. Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey 11th mo 5th 1846

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz—
Rhode Island Hannah Hall & Lucina Carr
Swansey Ruth B Buffinton Anna Shove & Sybil Chase
Greenwich Lydia Gould Catharine C Card & Joanna Peck.
Providence Lydia Thompson Mary W Smith & Eunice Mitchell
who are present except two.
One of the committee on the subject of Clerks informed that they were not prepared to propose names for the year, but were united in nominating Mary Williams for Clerk & Harriet Shove assistant for the present time which is united with.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several monthly meetings.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet in the 2nd month at Providence if permitted

Mary Williams Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 4th of 2nd mo 1847. By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz—
Rhode Island Lucina Carr & Anna Borden
Swansey Mary Shove Sarah Slade & Eunice Estes.
Greenwich Phebe C Reynolds Prudence Greene & Catharine C Knowles
Providence Dorcas Paine Huldah A Meader & Sarah Searle
who are present except one.
The committee on the subject of Clerks report that

They are united in proposing the reappointment of
Sarah F. Tobey for Clerk and Mary Williams assistant
which being approved by the meeting they are appointed
to that service for the ensuing year.
Our beloved friend Martha I Hodges attended this
meeting with a minute of concurrence from China Monthly
Meeting - her company and religious services have been
acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish
her with a copy of this minute
The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our
several monthly meetings have been read.
An epistle from our last Yearly meeting to its Quarterly
and monthly meetings has been acceptably read.
Our beloved friend John Meader returned at
this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting
in 8th month last, with the information that he had
been favoured to accomplish the service then in prospect
to the entire relief and peace of his own mind, which
is satisfactory to us - he presented a minute from the
Yearly meeting of Baltimore expressing that he acceptably
attended that meeting - and one from North Carolina
expressing that he attended that meeting and his company
and gospel labours had been satisfactory & edifying.
We have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting
in the appointment of Catharine C Earle to the
Station of an Elder men friends concurring therein
and Joanna Peck is appointed to inform the
Select meeting thereof.
We conclude, purposing to meet in 5th
month next at Greenwich if permitted
Sarah F Tobey - Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 6th of 5th mo. 1847. By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives are viz- Rhode Island Hannah Hall Anna D Wing & Lucina Carr Swansey Sarah Slade Amey Anthony & Ruth D Shove Greenwich Hannah Knowles Lydia Gould & Anna Howland Providence Sarah Scott Eunice Metcalf & Elizabeth Meader all present except three, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The clerk being absent Sarah Scott is appointed Clerk & Harriet Shove assistant for the day.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our monthly meetings from which a Summary has been collected which we forward to our next Yearly Meeting by our friends Joanna Peck Lydia C Smith Elizabeth Meader, Mary Shove Elizabeth Wing Elizabeth Peckham & Anna Mott. whom we appoint our representatives

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting in 5th mo last with the information that she had performed the visit to the peace of her own mind. She presented a minute from Baltimore Yearly Meeting expressing that her company had been acceptable to them, which is satisfactory to us.

The joint committee appointed in 5th mo last- to take into consideration the request of South Kingston preparative meeting, presented a report which was accepted, and it is our conclusion that to grant that a monthly meeting convene at South Kingston on

second day before the last fifth day in 7th mo next and Elizabeth Meader Elizabeth Wing Hannah C Robinson & Mary Shove are appointed to unite with a Committee of Men friends in attending the opening thereof and report to our next Meeting.

Men friends inform that they have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lethe G. Mitchell to the station of an Elder with which we unite.

The friend appointed last Quarter to inform the Select Meeting of the appointment of Catharine C. Cook to the Station of an Elder, reports the Service accomplished

We conclude, purposing if permitted to meet at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Sarah Searle Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 5th of 8th mo 1847
By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz-
Rhode Island Mary Hazard & Ruth Chace
Swansey Ruth B Buffinton Phebe Chace & Mary Shove
Greenwich Prudence Greene & Abby D. Arnold
South Kingston Lois Perry and Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Dorcas Paine Eliza G Bowen & Patience Haskel
who are all present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

Our beloved friend Lindly M Hoag attended

this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended agreeably to appointment

The committee appointed to attend the opening of South Kingston Monthly Meeting presented a report which was accepted, and it is concluded that the meeting be held at the following times & places - viz - in the 8th 9th 10th & 11th months at Hopkinton - in the 12th 1st 2nd & 3rd months at Westerly and in the 4th 5th 6th & 7th months at Town Hill - on the second day before the last fifth day in each month.

Our beloved friend Moses H Beede spread before us a concern that had for a long time rested with weight upon his mind of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in Ohio - his prospect claiming our deliberate consideration was united with and he left at liberty to pursue it as Truth may direct.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet in 11th month next at Swansey if permitted

Sarah G Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey the 4th of 11th mo 1847

By accounts from our monthly meetings the representatives are viz-

Rhode Island Abby Dennis & Anna Borden

Swansey Mary Shove Ruth B Buffinton & Philena Chace

Greenwich Phebe C Reynolds & Bethia D Parker

South Kingston Deborah Collins & Elizabeth Peckham

Providence Eunice Metcalf Sarah F Tobey and Mary Metcalf - who are present except one.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several monthly meeting have been read. Our beloved friend Moses H Beede returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting in 8th mo last with the information that he had accomplished the service as therein expressed to the comfort & relief of his own mind which is satisfactory to us

Transcripts of epistles from New York and London have been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet in 2nd mo next at Providence if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 4th of 2nd mo. 1848.

By accounts received at this time from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz:

Rhode Island - Hannah Dame & Anna D. Wing.
Sharon - Sarah Slade, Mary Shove, & Rebe Chase.
Greenwich - Freelove Greene & Lydia Anthony
South Kingston. Elizabeth Peckham, Rachel Collins & Lois Berry.
Providence - Deborah H. Jenks, Hannah C. Robinson & Mary M. Smith

who being called are present except one.

The Epistles have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th.

We have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna Howland to the station of an Elder, new Friends concurring thereon & Elizabeth Meader is appointed to inform the select meeting thereof.

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed to serve this meeting, Lydia C. Smith, Elizabeth Wing & Elizabeth Meader are appointed to confer with some Friends for that station and propose them to our next meeting. We conclude purposing to meet in 5th mo next at Greenwich if permitted -

Sarah F. Tabey. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Greenwich the 4th of 5th mo 1868.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are, viz:-

Rhode Island. Mary Hazard, Anna D. Wing.

Swanzey- Phebe Chace. Mary Shove

Greenwich- Deborah Howland. Catharine C. Earle

South Kingston- Deborah Colling- Elizabeth Peckham Mary [illegible]

Providence- Elizabeth Meader- Sarah Earle, Sarah F. Tobey.

-present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons are assigned. The Committee on the subject of Clerk report that they are united in proposing the reappointment of Sarah F. Tobey as Clerk and the appointment of Ruth B. Gifford assistant which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year. The Epistles have been read at this time with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, a summary collected therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends Elizabeth Wing, Anna A Jenkins, Mary Shove, Elizabeth Peckham, Elizabeth Shove, Hannah B. Robinson and Joanna Peck. whom we appoint our Representatives. The Friends appointed to inform the select meeting of the concurrence of this with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna Howland to the station of an Elder has attended thereto.

Our beloved Friend Anna A Jenkins feelingly spread before this meeting a concern which with weight impressed her mind of visiting the Gospel fold should way open for it some of the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain and of attending to such other religious Engagements in that land as may be required of her. We are introduced into much sympathy with our dear friend in this weighty prospect of religious service and under a solemn covering mercifully spread over us

we fully and cordially united with her in her concern and liberated her to attend thereto as truth may open the way. We feel it right to add our testimony to that of the Monthly Meeting that she is a minister of the Gospel in unity and good esteem with us. sound in word and doctrine and well comported in life and conversation. In thus liberating our beloved sister, for this important service we reverently commend her to the guidance and protecting care of her divine God and Master. earnestly craving that she may from day to day witness him to be very near her and be qualified and strengthened through his renewed anointing to discharge her religious duties among you and in his good time be restored to us with the blessing of peace.

We conclude proposing to meet in 8th Month next at Portsmouth if permitted.

Signed by Order of the Clerk

At a Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth the 3rd of 8mo 1848. By accounts received from our several monthly meetings their representatives are, viz: Rhode Island - Anna Mott & Hannah Dame. Swansey - Ruth B Buffington, Ruth Chace & Hannah A Shove. Greenwich - Eunice Greene & Lydia Gould. South Kingston - Mary A Collins. Martha Collins. Elizabeth Nichols. Providence - Eliza F Brown - Eunice Metcalf - Elizabeth Mauran. who being called are present except two.

The clerk being absent Ruth B. Gifford is appointed for the day.

The queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend Thomas Wells attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Miami Monthly Meeting endorsed by Miami

Quarterly Meeting, his company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us. Our beloved friend John Scott attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Baltimore Monthly Meeting endorsed by Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, his company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Stephen Dillingham attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Mo Meeting as companion to our friend John Scott, his company is acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting minutes prepared for them by their friends.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Ring a minister in unity with us opened in this meeting a concern which has for some time rested weightily on her mind to attend in Gospel love the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Friends in Baltimore and also to attend to some other religious services as expressed in the written certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. the subject obtained the solid consideration of Friends, much unity and sympathy with her was manifested accompanied by a desire that she might be enabled to accomplish the same to the peace of her own mind.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

We have received at this time the extracts of our last yearly meeting, the report of the Boarding School Committee and transcripts of Epistles from other Yearly Meetings. The report of the Boarding School Committee has been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet in 11mo next at Swanzey, if permitted.

Ruth B. Gifford
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzey the 2d of 11 mo 1848.

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the Representatives are.

Rhode Island. Ruth Chace & Hannah Gifford
Swanzey. Lydia Mitchell Rebecca Shove & Mary Shove
Greenwich. Phebe C Reynolds & Catherine C Earle
South Kingstn. Lois Pena, Electa Hollins & Martha Collins
Providence. Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Macay & Anna T Dennis
all present.

Our beloved friend Anna Macomber attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from West-port Monthly Meeting, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The company of our esteemed friend Barbara Gifford companion to Anna Macomber is also acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Abigail M Hawes attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Dover Monthly Meeting, her company has been acceptable to us.

The queries with answers to the 15 Inc. & 16 from our several monthly meetings have been read at this time

A minute from Dover Monthly Meeting on behalf of our esteemed friend Timothy Hawes companion to Abigail Hawes her name read, she is acceptably in attendance of this meeting.

We conclude purposing to meet the 3d mo next at Providence if permitted.

Sarah H Tobey Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
of Women Friends held the 1st of 2nd Mo 1849

By accounts from our several Monthly
Meetings the Representatives are as
Rhode Island Anna D. Wing & Ruth Chace
Scituate Ruth Chace, Rebecca Shove & Mary Shove.
Greenwich Abby L. Arnold. Anne Howland & Lydia Gould
South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham Lois Perry & Electa Hollins.
Providence Lydia C. Smith Deborah H. Jenckes & Elizabeth H. Prince.
all present.

The Queries have been read at this time with
answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Monthly
Meetings. Our beloved friend David Dudley
attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence
from Lt. Alban Monthly Meeting endorsed by
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. His company and
religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

A minute from the same Monthly Meeting has
also been read on behalf of our beloved friend
Joseph Fairbrother companion to David Dudley
he is acceptably in attendance of this meeting
and the clerk is directed to sign minutes
prepared by our Friends.

Transcripts of Epistles from Ohio & Baltimore
have been acceptably read at this time.

The time having expired for which the
clerks were appointed to serve this meeting
Lydia C. Smith and Sarah Slade are appointed
to confer with some Friends for that station
and propose them to our next meeting.

We conclude purposing to meet in 5 mo
next at Greenwich if permitted.

Sarah H. Talley
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 3rd of 5th Month 1849
By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz -
Rhode Island Anna L. Wing Ruth Chace & Hannah Dawn
Swansey Mary Shove Sarah Slade & Phebe Chace
Greenwich Joanna Peck Catharine C Cook & Lydia Anthony
South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham & Rachel Collins
Providence Huldah A Meader Phebe G Peckham & Lydia C. Smith
present except one

The committee on the subject of clerks propose the reappointment of Sarah F. Tobey as Clerk and Ruth B. Gifford assistant which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year

The Queries have been read with answers from our several monthly meetings and a summary collected thereon which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Hannah Dennis Elizabeth Wing Hannah C Robinson Elizabeth Meader Elizabeth Peckham Anna Howland & Elizabeth Shove whom we appoint our representatives

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting in 8th month last with the information - that she had been favoured to accomplish the service as therein expressed and to return with the reward of peace which was satisfactory to us - She

presented minutes from the Half Years Meeting held at Richmond the 9th of 10th month 1848 and from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore expressing that her company and Gospel Labors had been satisfactory to them

Men Friends inform that they have concluded to change the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders from 11 to two o.clock in the 3d and 11th months with which this Meeting unites. We conclude purposing to meet in 8th month next at Portsmouth if permitted

Sarah F. Tobey — Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 2nd of 8th mo 1849.

By accounts from our several monthly meetings the representatives are viz.

Rhode Island Susan Hathaway Abby Dennis
Swansey Sarah Slade Harriet A Thoo Phebe Anthony
Greenwich Deborah Howland & Phebe C Reynolds
South Kingston Mary D Collins & Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Patience Haskell Huldah A Meader & Mary D Congdon

The clerk being absent Mary Williams is appointed for the day

The Queries have been read with answers to the three usually answered from each of our Monthly Meetings

We are informed the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting fulfilled their appointment

The report of the Boarding School Committee for this past year has been read and is

satisfactory to the meeting. We have also received the London printed Epistle, extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting and Transcripts of those received by that body, all of them are acceptable to us— A minute from our Yearly meeting relative to the change in the time of holding our meeting for Ministers & Elders was read and adopted.

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones attended this meeting with a minute from China Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity with her in her present religious engagement— Her company and ~~religious engagement~~ Gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us— the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute

A minute was prepared by our men friends on behalf of Sybil Jones who with a minute from China Monthly Meeting has acceptably attended this meeting which being approved the Clerk is directed to Sign.

We conclude purposing to meet in again in the eleventh month next at Swansey if permitted

Mary Williams Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey the 1st of 11th month 1849
By account from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are viz—
Rhode Island Lucinda Carr & Anna Mott
Swansey Anna Shove Elizabeth Shove & Ruth B Buffington

Greenwich Catharine C Cook Catharine C Knowles
South Kingston Thankful Spencer & Lucas Babcock
Providence Hannah C Robinson Lydia C Smith & Lucas Paine
who are all present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10 have been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Anna A Jenkins returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this Meeting in 5th mo. 16th 49 with the information that she had been favoured to accomplish the service as therein expressed to the peace & relief of her own mind. She presented the following minute which with the foregoing information is satisfactory to us.

From our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London on the 21st of 5th month and by adjournments on the 22nd of the same, and 2nd of 6th month 1849

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of New England, the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island and the Monthly Meeting of Providence.

Dear Friends

Our dear friend anna Almy Jenkins who is now engaged on a religious visit to this country, having informed this Meeting that she has the comforting persuasion that the time of her release from this field of labour is near at hand, we feel it right to certify on behalf of our said friend, that although she has not, during this engagement, travelled extensively amongst

us, her gospel labours have been acceptable and edifying to Friends in those parts of this nation in which her lot has been cast.

We believe that in much simplicity and watchfulness and in humble dependence on the renewed putting forth of her Divine Master, She has endeavoured to perform the Service which has been required at her hands. We earnestly desire for our beloved Sister that the protecting care of the almighty may be extended towards her both by Sea and Land, and that she may be favoured to return to her native country in safety and in the sweet feeling of a portion of her Saviour's peace.

Signed in and on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held as aforesaid

George Stacy — Clerk

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and the London printed Epistle have been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet in 2nd Month next in Providence if permitted

Sarah F. Tobey — Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 7th of 2nd mo 1850 - By accounts from our several monthly meetings, the Representatives are viz - Rhode Island Anna D Wing & Abby Dennis Swansey Ruth B Buffinton Ruth B Gifford & Mary Shove Greenwich Gulielma Sanborn Anna Howland & Catharine C Earle South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham & Ruth Ann Collins Providence Elizabeth H Paine Hannah C Robinson & Elizabeth Meader who are all present.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th have been read at this time

Our beloved friend Reuben Jones attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us The company of his companion & David R Baily who is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from the same meeting is also acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to sign minutes prepared for them by our Friends

We have united with our friends in the appointment of Gilbert Congdon to the Station of an Elder - A Transcript of an epistle from Ohio has has been read at this time.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Joanna Peck Lydia C Smith & Elizabeth Shove are appointed to confer with some friends for that Station & propose them to our next meeting

We conclude, purposing to meet in 5th mo next at Greenwich

Signed. Sarah L Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 2nd of 6th mo 1850. By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are viz—

Rhode Island Elizabeth S Chace & Amey R Welborn

Swansey Elizabeth Shove Sarah Slade & Mary Shove

Greenwich Lydia Gould & Phebe C Reynolds

Southkingston Mary ann Collins & Rachel Collins

Providence Dorcas B Harkness Lydia C Smith & Dorcas Paine

who are present

The Committe on the subject of clerks propose the reappointment of Sarah S Tobey as clerk & Ruth B. Gifford assistant— which being acceptable to the Meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year

The Queries with answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read & a Summary collected therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Ann Hopkins Elizabeth Meader Mary Shove Mary Williams Anna S Wing Joanna Peck Lydia C Smith Elizabeth Shove & Elizabeth Peckham whom we appoint our Representatives to attend said Meeting

Our beloved friend Benjamin H Jones attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Dover Monthly Meeting— his company & religious services have been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by our friends

Our beloved friend John Meader in a feeling & impressive manner spread before this Meeting

a concern which had for a long time rested with weight upon his mind of visiting in the love of the Gospel the meetings of Friends in Great Britain & Ireland - of appointing some meetings among Friends & those not in profession with us - and as way may open for it of visiting some places & holding some meetings on the Continent of Europe his prospect received our solid & deliberate consideration much unity & sympathy were expressed & he was encouraged to pursue his prospect as best wisdom may direct, & the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement prepared for him by our Friends -

The Clerk is also directed to place the following minute prepared by our friends in relation to a concern spread before us at this time by our friend Elizabeth Mander on a Certificate prepared for her by Providence Monthly Meeting & sign the same on behalf of this Meeting viz -

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Mander in a feeling & impressive manner spread before this Meeting a concern which weightily rested upon her mind to visit in the love of the Gospel the meetings of Friends in Great Britain & Ireland - to appoint some meetings among Friends & those not in profession with us - and as way may open for it to visit some places & hold meetings on the Continent of Europe. This Meeting

was introduced into deep & solemn feeling, in the consideration of this important religious engagement & after a season of solid waiting & deliberation, with an expression of tender sympathy & full unity, our friend was liberated to pursue her prospect under the direction of best wisdom.

We feel it right to add our testimony to that of the Monthly Meeting that she is a minister of the Gospel in unity & good esteem with us - sound in faith & careful in the maintenance of our various Christian testimonies.

We affectionately commend this our dear sister to the sympathy & attention of those among whom her lot may be cast, earnestly craving that she may witness from day to day preservation & support & under the renewed anointing of the Holy Head of the Church be qualified acceptably to discharge the service required of her - and restored in the right time, to her family & friends with a measure of that peace which is promised to the followers of Christ.

This meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eunice Metcalf to the Station of an Elder - & in approving the gift & public appearances in the Ministry of Huldah A Meader & Hannah C Robinson their friends concurring therein & Elizabeth Parker is appointed to inform the select

meeting thereof—— Our friends inform that they have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Sherborn to the station of an Elder with which we unite

An interesting Memorial from Greenwich Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Hawland has been read and approved & a lively & interesting testimony from Providence Monthly Meeting on behalf of our beloved friend Anna A Jenkins was also read & approved

We conclude for purposing to meet on 8th day next at Portsmouth if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 1st of 8th mo 1850— By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz—

Rhode Island Hannah Gould & Ruth Chace & Abby Dennis
Swansey Anna Shove Ruth B Buffington & Philena Chace
Greenwich Lydia Anthony Abby D Arnold & Catherine Rhoades
South Kingston Mary Ann Collins & Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Eleanor Joslin Eunice Mitchell & Elizabeth Meader
who are present except one

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th have been read at this time

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended agreeably to appointment

The friend appointed at our last meeting to inform the select meeting of the conclusion of this has attended thereto—

The report of the Boarding School committee extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been read— and the London printed epistle of last Year fraught with instructive counsel & admonition has been acceptably read at this time

Our friends inform that they have united with South Kingston Mo Meeting in approving the gift & publick appearances in the ministry of Timothy & Collins with which we unite.

We conclude purposing to meet in 11th Mo next at Swansey if permitted

Sarah S Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey the 7th of 11th Mo 1850

By accounts from our several monthly meetings the representatives are viz

Rhode Island Susanna Carr & Ruth Potter

Swansey Mary Shove Emmor Estes & Sarah Slade

Greenwich Bethia D Parker Joanne Peck & Phebe C Reynolds

South Kingston Lois Perry & Deborah Collins

Providence Eliza S Bowen Hannah C Robinson & Anna T Dennis

Who are present except two—

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting— her company

and religious services have been acceptable to us
A minute from the same Meeting on behalf
of our esteemed friend Isaac R Gifford has been
read he is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting
Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford attending this
Meeting with a minute of concurrence from
Sandwich Monthly Meeting his company and
religious services have been acceptable to us
The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th have
been read at this time
Men friends inform that they have granted the
request of SouthKingston Mo Meeting to hold their
Preparative Meeting at Tower Hill - with which
we unite
We conclude purposing to meet in 2nd Mo
next at Providence if permitted
Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Providence the 6th of 2nd Mo 1851
By accounts from our several monthly Meetings
the Representatives are Viz -
Rhode Island Anne Mott Hannah Dennis & Amey R Wilbour
Swansey Mary Shove Thebe Chace & Esther Chace
Greenwich Lydia Anthony Mary Ann Sisson & Lydia Gould
SouthKingston Deborah Collins Rachel Collins & Lois Perry
Providence Anna T Dennis Mary D Congdon & Eliza F Bowen
who being called are present except one - for
whose absence, a satisfactory reason is assigned.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended this meeting with a minute from New Bedford Mo Meeting expressive of their unity with her in her present religious engagement – her company & religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute –

Our beloved friend Lindley M Hoag attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting his company & religious services have been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by men friends

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th have been read at this time –

The subject of a suitable place of holding this quarterly meeting in the 8th mo having been introduced at this time, we appoint Susan Ann Buffum Annie D Wing Sarah F Tobey Elizabeth Shove Elizabeth Wing Joanna Peck Lydia C Smith & Elizabeth Peckham to unite with a committee of men friends to consider the subject, & report their judgment in the case to a future meeting

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed to serve this meeting, we appoint Eunice Metcalf Lydia C Smith & Mary Shove to confer with some friends for that service & propose them to our next meeting

We conclude proposing to meet in 9th mo next at Greenwich if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 6th of 5th mo 1857

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz-

Rhode Island Anna D Wing & Hannah Gifford

Swansey Ruth Buffinton Ruth D Howe & Phebe S Anthony

Greenwich Catharine C Earle & Deborah Howland

South Kingston Hannah Knowles & Elizabeth Peckham

Providence Eunice Metcalf Sarah Seale & Sarah F Tobey

who are present except one.

The committee on the subject of clerks report that they are united in proposing the reappointment of Sarah F Tobey as Clerk & Ruth D Gifford assistant, which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year

Our beloved friend Sarah Pattison is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting Indiana endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting- his company & religious services have been acceptable to us- the company of his companion Joseph Griffen with a minute from Spiceland monthly meeting is also acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Benjamin K Jones is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting endorsed by Dover Quarterly Meeting- his company and

religious services have been acceptable to us & the
Clerk is directed to sign minutes prepared by our
friends for the above named friends -
The Queries have been read with answers from our
several Monthly Meetings & a Summary collected
therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting
by our friends Elizabeth Wing Lydia C Smith
Sarah S Tobey Mary Shove Elizabeth Peckham
Elizabeth Shove Anna D Wing Hannah M Babcock
Anna Howland & Catharine C Earle whom we appoint
our representatives
We have united with Rhode Island Mo Meeting in
the appointment of Mary Williams to the Station
and with Swansey Mo Meeting in the appointment
of Ruth B Baffinton to the same Station our
friends concurring therein. & Anna D Wing is
appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof.
Our friends inform that they have united with
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Jonathan Dame to the Station of an Elder
with which we concur.
The Committee on the subject of a change of holding
the Quarterly Meeting in the 3d Mo presented the
following report which is accepted & the case referred
for further consideration to our next Meeting -

To the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed to consider of the proposed change of place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 8th mo. have had the subject under consideration, & another change being proposed it was concluded simply to suggest to the Quarterly Meeting that many friends think it would be an improvement to hold the Quarterly Meeting in the 8th mo at Fall River and in the 11th mo at New Port

On behalf of the Committee

Daniel Buffum
Lydia C Smith

8th mo 1st 1851

We conclude proposing to meet in 8th mo next at Portsmouth if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth the 7th of 8th mo 1851 By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz—

Rhode Island Margaret Anthony & Mary Williams
Swansey Phebe Chace Harriet A Shove & Anna Chace
Greenwich Anna Howland & Eliza Barker
South Kingston Lois Perry & Hannah Knowles
Providence Eunice Metcalf Mary K Buffington and Anna I Dennis— who are present except two—

The Queries have been read with answers to the
1st 2nd & 10th from our several Mo Meetings
The representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended
agreeably to appointment
The friend appointed at our last meeting to
inform the select meeting of the decision of this
in relation to Mary Williams & Ruth B Boffington
has attended thereto.
We have united with South Kingston Mo meeting
in the appointment of Lois Perry to the station of
an elder - & Elizabeth Peckham is appointed to
inform the select meeting thereof.
Our beloved friend Daniel Wood attended this
meeting with a certificate from Alum Creek Mo
Meeting endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting
Ohio expressive of their unity with him in his
present religious engagement - his company has
been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to
sign a minute prepared for him by our friends
Our beloved friend Jacob Binns opened in this
meeting a prospect which had for a considerable
length of time rested upon his mind of attending
the Yearly Meetings of Indiana & Baltimore and to
attend & appoint some meetings within their limits
his prospect obtaining our weighty consideration was
united with, & the clerk was directed to sign a

certificate prepared for him by our friends
The subject of a change of place of holding this
Quarterly Meeting is referred to our next Meeting

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly
Meeting & the report of the Boarding School
Committee have been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet in
11th mo next at Swansey if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Swansey the 6th of 11th mo 1891
By Minutes from our several Monthly Meetings the
Representatives are viz.
Rhode Island Lucina Carr & Ruth Chace
Swansey Mary Shove Sarah Slocum & Annie Estes
Greenwich Catharine C Earle Bethia D Parker & Catharine C Knowles
South Kingston Martha Collins Elizabeth Peckham & Rachel Collins
Providence Dorcas Paine Hannah C Robinson & Eliza F Bowen
Who being called are present except two for whom
absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

Our beloved friends Hezekiah Gifford Ruth
H Baker & Mercy R Wing are in attendance of
this meeting with minutes of concurrence from
Sandwich Mo Meeting - their company and
religious services have been acceptable to us & the
Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th have been read at this time

The friend named Lastly to inform the select meeting of the concurrence of this, in the appointment of Lois Perry to the station of an elder has attended thereto.

Our friends inform that they have concluded to change the place of holding this Quarterly Meeting in the 8th mo from Portsmouth to Newport with which we unite.

Our beloved friend Jacob H Vining returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this Meeting in 8th mo last with the information that he had accomplished the service as therein expressed to the peace & comfort of his own mind which is satisfactory to us. He presented minutes from the Yearly Meetings of Indiana & Baltimore & one from Cesar's Creek Monthly Meeting expressing that his company & gospel labours had been acceptable to them.

Our Esteemed friend Mathiah Gifford is in attendance of this Meeting as companion to his wife Huldah Gifford, with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting his company is acceptable to us & the Clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by our friends

We conclude purposing to meet in 2nd mo next at Providence if permitted

Sarah L Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friend held at Providence the 5th of 2nd mo 1852
By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz -
Rhode Island Abby Dennis & Susan Ann Buffum
Swansey Mary Shove Amanda Buffinton & Maria Buffinton
Greenwich Lydia Anthony Gulielma Sweborn & Louisa Brayton
South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham & Mary D Collins
Providence Mary A Smith Sarah L Tobey & Anna T Dennis
who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned
The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th have been read at this time
A minute has been received & read from our last Quarterly Meeting in behalf of a committee appointed at that time to visit subordinate Meetings - several of whom are acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.
Our beloved friend Lindley M Hoag attended this Meeting with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting endorsed by Dover Quarterly Meeting his company & religious services have been acceptable to us
Our beloved friend John Paige is in attendance of this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Weare Mo Meeting - his company & religious services have been acceptable to us

The company of our esteemed friend Joshua Paige
Companion to our friend John Paige is also acceptable
to us and the clerk is directed to sign minutes prepared
for them by our friends

Our beloved friends John & Elizabeth Mead
returned at this time the certificate formished them
by this meeting in 5th Mo 1850 with the information
that they had been favored to accomplish the
service as therein expressed to the entire peace and
relief of their own minds - they presented the following
certificates from the Yearly Meetings of Dublin & London
and a communication from friends in Norway -
expressive of the great satisfaction they had felt in their
visit to them all of which is satisfactory to us -

To Providence Monthly Meeting, Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers
& Elders for New England

Dear Friends

Our beloved friends John Mead & Elizabeth Mead
his wife concerning whom we received your certificate
liberating them for religious service in these parts
being present with us at this Yearly Meeting, after
performing a general visit to the meetings of Friends
in this land, have informed us that they apprehend
their service amongst us is drawing to a close

We certify on their behalf, that their company
and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us, and their
Ministry sound & edifying -

Commending these our dear friends to the guidance of the Shepherd of Israel under every exercise which may yet await them during their present engagement & desiring that the blessing of divine preservation may be theirs to the end of their earthly pilgrimage.

We are with love your friends

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in Dublin the 26th of 4th Mo & by adjournments on the 3rd of 5th Mo 1871.

Joseph Bewley Clerk to the Meeting this year

To Providence Monthly Meeting, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting & the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders of New England

Dear Friends

Our dear friend John Meader has attended this Meeting & has informed us that he & his wife, Elizabeth Meader have nearly completed the religious service to which they were called within the compass of this Yearly Meeting - & that they have also accomplished the visit to Norway & to friends at Pyrmont & Minden for which they were liberated by our late Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders & that they believe that the time is now come for their return to their own land

We feel called upon to testify, that we have had sweet unity with our dear friends in their Gospel labours amongst us, which have been to our comfort and edification - & that their life & conversation have been exemplary & instructive. And we desire that in the termination of this their arduous engagement, the peace of God may be their enriching portion.

Signed in & on behalf of the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London the 13th of the 10th Month 1851 - by

George Stacy Clerk this time

We have received at this time a request from the Elders of Swansey Monthly Meeting for advice in relation to the Ministry - & we appoint Joanna Peck, Lydia C Smith Emmie Metcalf & Catharine C Earle to unite with a committee of Men Friends in giving attention to the subject

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting - we appoint Elizabeth Shove Lydia C Smith & Ruth Chace to confer with some friends for that service and propose them to our next Meeting.

We conclude purposing to meet in 5th mo next at Greenwich if permitted

Sarah F Tobey - Clerk -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the ... of 5th mo 1852 By accounts from our several Mo Meetings the representatives are viz -

Rhode Island Hannah Dame Elizabeth S Chase & Anna Mott
Swansey Mary Shove Phebe Chace and Sarah Slocum
Greenwich Phebe C Reynolds, Anna Howland Bethia D Parker
South Kingston Jane Hazard Hannah Knowles Mary D Collins
Providence Sarah Seale Mary A Smith & Sarah F Tobey

who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The Committee on the subject of Clerks report that they are united in proposing the reappointment of Sarah F Tobey as Clerk and Ruth B Gifford assistant which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers from our several Monthly Meetings and a Summary collected therefrom which are forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Avis Mumford Elizabeth Mason Elizabeth Peckham Mary Shove Anna Mott Elizabeth Shove Lydia C Smith Lois Perry Anna Howland & Phebe C Reynolds whom we appoint our

representatives to attend said meeting
Men friends inform that they have united
with Swansey monthly meeting in approving
the gift and public appearances in the ministry
of Obadiah Chace with which we unite.
Transcripts of epistles from London & Ohio have
been acceptably read at this time.
We conclude proposing to meet in 8th mo next
at Portsmouth if permitted.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Portsmouth the 9th of 8th mo 1832
By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the
representatives are viz-
Rhode Island Eliza Chace and Ruth Anthony
Swansey Ruth B Buffinton Phebe Chace & Harriet A Shove
Greenwich Eulalma Fenner Catherine M Earle & Lydia Gould
South Kingston Hannah Knowl Lois Perry and Deborah Collins
Providence Patience Haskell Mary A Smith Hulda A Meader
Who being called are present except two for whose
absence satisfactory reasons are assigned.
The Queries have been read with answers
to the 1st 2nd & 10th
Our beloved friend Henry Derbyshire is
in attendance of this meeting with a
certificate from Salem monthly meeting Iowa
endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting expressive
of their unity with him in his present religious

engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement prepared for him by our friends

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended except one who was prevented by indispositions

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and the Report of the Boarding School Committee have been acceptably read at this time.

The following minute is received from the Yearly Meeting. Viz.

A proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting that that Meeting in the 8th mo should be held at Newport instead of Portsmouth was with the concurrence of Womens Meeting united with, and it is directed that the Quarterly Meeting should be so held after the present year, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute

From the Minutes of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey

And the Meeting will accordingly be held in the 8th mo next at Newport.

We conclude purposing to meet in 11th mo next at Swansey if permitted.

Sarah L Tobey — Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanney the 4th of 11th mo 1852. By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz.

Rhode Island Elizabeth S. Chace & Anna Mott
Swanney Anne Shove Phebe Chace & Susan S Gifford
Greenwich Joanna Peck Bethia D Parker & Lois L Greene
South Kingston Mary Ann Collins & Deborah Collins
Providence Elizabeth Mason Emmie Metcalf & Anna T Dennis
who are all present

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Mo. Meetings

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Mo. Meeting his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by our friends.

We have united with our friends in granting permission to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to change the hour of holding that Meeting from 11 o'clock to half past ten.

Greenwich monthly meeting requests the aid of the Quarterly Meeting in selecting a friend to be added to their preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders, and we appoint Elizabeth Shove Sarah T Tobey Mary Williams and Anna T Dennis to unite with a committee of our friends in giving attention to the subject.

The Elders of Rhode Island Mo Meeting request the appointment of a committee by this Meeting to unite with them in considering a subject that they are prepared to lay before them, and we appoint Anna Howland Sarah Slade Deborah Collins Elizabeth Meader and Joanna Peckham to unite with a committee of men friends in attending to the same.

A similar request is also received from a committee of Providence Monthly Meeting and we appoint Susan Ann Ruffum Mary Shove Phebe Chace Ruth Chace and Anna Mott to unite with a committee of men friends in giving attention to the request.

The London printed epistle of last year has been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude purposing to meet in 2nd mo next at Providence if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 3rd of 2nd Month 1853.

By accounts from our several Mo. Meetings the representatives are viz-

Rhode Island Eliza Chace and Hannah Gifford
Swansey Sarah Slade Phebe S Anthony & Mary Shove
Greenwich Anna Hovland Lydia Gould & Lois Greene
South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham and Mary D Collins
Providence Mary A Smith Lydia C Smith & Deborah Jenkes
all present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th.

Our beloved friend David Dudley is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from St Albans monthly meeting expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement. his company and religious services have been acceptable to us- Our esteemed friend William Hart his companion is also in attendance with a minute of commence from Litchfield Monthly Meeting- his company is acceptable to us. and the clerk is directed to sign minutes prepared for them by their friends.

A minute from our last Yearly Meeting of the appointment of a Committee to visit subordinate meetings families or individuals as way may open for has been read- Several of said Committee are acceptably in attendance of this meeting

We have united with Greenwich Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Gulielma
Freeborn to the Station of an Elder, Men
Friends concurring therein and we appoint
Elizabeth Meader to inform the next Quarterly
Meeting of this appointment
Men Friends inform that they have united
with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Charles Atherton to the Station of an elder
with which we unite.
The time having expired for which the Clerks
were appointed to serve this meeting, Emmor
Metcalf Mary Shove and Elizabeth Meader
are appointed to confer with some Friends for
that Station and propose them to our next
meeting.

We conclude proposing to meet on 5th mo
next at Greenwich if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Greenwich the 5th of 5th mo 1853
By accounts from our Mo Meetings the Representatives
Rhode Island Anna D Wing Ruth Chace
Swansey Ruth D Shove Elizabeth Shove Amanda M Buffington
Greenwich Joanna Peck Anna Howland Lydia Gould
South Kingston Anna A Gould Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Emmie Metcalf Mary R Congdon Sarah F Tobey
who are all present

The committee on the subject of clerks report that they are united in proposing the reappointment of Sarah F Tobey as clerk and Ruth B Gifford assistant, which being satisfactory to the meeting they are appointed to that service for the year ensuing

Our beloved friend William B Thompson attended this meeting with a certificate from Seabrook Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting his company and religious services have been acceptable to us - and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by our friends. Our beloved friend Louisa Thompson attended this meeting as companion to her husband William B Thompson with a minute of concurrence from Seabrook Monthly Meeting her company is acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read with answers from our several monthly meetings and a summary collected therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth Peckham Lydia C Smith Elizabeth Meader Elizabeth Shove Abner Howland Sarah S Tobey Sarah Slocum and Ruth Chace whom we appoint our representatives to attend said meeting

The friend appointed to inform the select Quarterly meeting of the appointment of Gulielma Freborn to the Station of an Elder, has attended thereto.

We conclude, purposing to meet in 5th mo next at Newport if permitted

Sarah S Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport the 4th of 5th mo 1853

By accounts from our several Monthly meetings the representatives are viz -

Rhode Island Amey R Wilbur Anna Mott
Swansey Ruth B Buffinton Ruth B Gifford Harriet A Shove
Greenwich Joanna Rick Gulielma Freborn Lydia Gould
South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham Electa Jane Collins
Providence Elizabeth Meader Mary A Smith Deborah

11 Elders who are all present

The queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th
have been read at this time.
The Friends appointed in 11th mo last at
the request of Rhode Island monthly
meeting to unite with a committee of ours
Friends in considering a subject they were
prepared to lay before them, report that
they have attended to their appointment.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting
attended agreeably to appointment

Extracts from the minutes of our
last Yearly Meeting and the report of
the Boarding School committee have
been received and acceptably read—
We have also received the London printed
epistle of last year and transcripts
of epistles from most of the Yearly
meetings on this Continent

We conclude purposing to meet
in 11th mo next at Sweansey if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Sweansey the 3rd of 11th mo 1853
By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are
viz Rhode Island Ruth Chace & Ruth Anthony
Sweansey Susan S Gifford Mary Shove & Amey S Anthony
Greenwich Phebe C Reynolds Bethia D Parker & Mary Ann Simon
South Kingston Lois Perry & Mary D Collins
Providence Huldah A Meader Eunice Metcalf & Hannah Lawrence
who are all present.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd
and 10th have been read at this time
Our beloved friend James McLaughlin
is in attendance of this meeting with a
minute from China Mo Meeting expressive
of their unity with him in his present
religious engagement, his company
acceptable to us— Our beloved friend
Joseph Taber is also acceptably in attendance
of this meeting with a minute of concurrence
from Unity Monthly Meeting— the Clerk
is directed to sign minutes prepared
for them by their friends
The London printed epistle of last
year fraught with instructive counsel
has been acceptably read at this time
Men friends inform that they have
united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
in acknowledging the gift and approving
the public appearances in the ministry
of Levi Almy with which we unite.
A Committee of Rhode Island Mo Meeting
request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint
a committee to confer with them on
the subject of Elders, and we appoint
Mary Shove Eunice Metcalf Phebe Chace
Lois Perry Anna Shove & Huldah A Meader
to unite with a committee of men friends in
giving attention to the subject.
We conclude purposing to meet in 2nd Mo next at
Providence if permitted. Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 2d of 2d mo 1854

By accounts from our several Mo. Meetings the representatives are viz.

Rhode Island Lucina Carr and Ruth Chace
Swansey Mary Shove Sarah Slade & Phebe Chace
Granwich Phebe C Reynolds Joanna Peck & Lydia Gould
South Kingston Mary D Collins and Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Deborah H Jenks Susan M Shove & Mary R Buffington
who being called are all present.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time

Our beloved friend Huldah A Mucklow a minister in unity with us opened in this meeting a prospect of visiting in the love of the Gospel Friends within the limits of Smithfield Nasalboro & Hopedale Quarterly Meetings, and some meetings in Falmouth Dover & Salem Quarterly Meetings as opened in her certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting, her prospect claiming our deliberate consideration was united with and she left at liberty to pursue the same as Truth may open the way and the Clerk is directed to place this this minute upon her certificate and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Reuben Jones attended this meeting with a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity

with him in his present religious engagement
his company and religious services have
been acceptable to us.
Our beloved friend William Jones is also
acceptably in attendance of this meeting
with a minute of concurrence from
Litchfield Mo Meeting, & the clerk is
directed to sign returning minutes
prepared for them by our Friends
An interesting testimony from
Rhode Island Mo Meeting in relation
to our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing
has been read and approved
An epistle from London Yearly Meeting
of Women Friends has been received & read
The time having expired for which the
Clerks were appointed to serve this Meeting
we appoint Joanna Peckham Anna Howland
and Anna T Dennis to confer with
some friends for that station and
propose them to our next Meeting
We conclude purposing to meet in
5th mo next at Greenwich if permitted
Sarah L Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 4th of 5th mo 1854

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives are viz -

Rhode Island Elizabeth T Chace & Amy Melbon
Swanny Ruth Buffinton Ruth D Shove & Phebe S Anthony
Greenwich Lydia Gould Phebe C Reynolds & Mary Ann Sisson
South Kingston Jane Hazard & Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Eunice Metcalf Sarah T Tobey & Anna T Dennis

who being called on present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The committee on the subject of Clerks report that they are united in proposing the reappointment of Sarah T Tobey as Clerk and Ruth D Gifford assistant, which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers from our several monthly meetings and a summary collected therefrom which are forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Mary Williams Elizabeth Meader Mary A Smith Anna D King Deborah Howland Elizabeth Peckham Phebe S Anthony & Mary Shove, whom we appoint our representatives to attend said meeting.

The Queries appointed in 11th mo last

to confer with a committee of Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting on the subject of
Elders report they have attended to
their appointment

We have with the concurrence of our
friends united with Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Anna Mott to the Station of an
Elder

Our Friends inform that they have
united with Rhode Island Mon Meeting
in the appointment of Lydia Chace
to the Station of an elder with which
we unite.

An interesting testimony from Rhode-
Island Monthly Meeting in relation
to our beloved friend Hannah Dennis
has been read and approved

We conclude proposing to meet
in 8th mo next at Newport if permitted

Sarah S. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women
Friends held at Newport the 3rd of 8th mo 1854.
By accounts from our several Mo meetings
the representatives are viz-
Rhode Island Lucinda Cox and Ruth Chace
Swansey Ruth B Buffington Hannah C Robinson & Mary Potter
Greenwich, Columbia Osborne Catherine C Knowles & Lois S Greene
South Kingston Lois Perry & Dorcas G Babcock
Providence Eunice Metcalf Sarah L Tobey & Mary A Smith

all present.

The Queries have been read with answers
to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Mo Meetings.
The representatives to the Yearly meeting
attended agreeably to appointment.

Our beloved friend John L Eddy is in
attendance of this meeting with a certificate
from Greenwich monthly meeting ~~held~~
of Friends held in Huron County Ohio
endorsed by Plum Creek Quarterly meeting
expressive of their unity with him in
his present religious engagement, his
company and gospel labours have been
acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed
to sign a minute prepared for him by
our friends.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Mauder a
Minister in unity with us, Opened in

this meeting a prospect which had for a length of time rested upon her mind & had with increasing weight of latter time, of attending in Gospel love the Yearly meetings of Friends in Indiana and some meetings belonging thereto, & visiting & visiting some places going and returning and of appointing a few meetings amongst Friends and others as expressed in her Certificate from Providence this Meeting which claiming our deliberate consideration was united with and she was encouraged to proceed therein as Truth may direct The Clerk is directed to place this minute upon her Certificate and sign it on behalf of this meeting

Our beloved Friend Huldah A Macy returned at this time the certificate enclosed by this meeting in 2d mo last with the information that she had been favored to accomplish the service as therein expressed to the comfort and peace of her own mind. She presented minutes from the Monthly Meetings of Ivanhoe Penn Jerusalem Wesselboro Unity (held at Albion) and China

And from the the Quarterly meetings of
Dover Fairfield Vassalboro & Falmouth
expressing that her company and gospel
labors had been acceptable to them which
the foregoing information is satisfactory to
us. Extracts from the minutes of our
last Yearly Meeting have been acceptably read
We conclude proposing to meet in 11th month
next at Swansey if permitted
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Swansey the 2nd of 11th mo 1854
By accounts from our several Monthly
Meetings the Representatives are her- for
Rhode Island Anna Mott & Hannah Dawe
Swansey Emily Estes Amanda M Buffington & Harriet A Shove
Greenwich Lydia Gould Phebe C Reynolds & Catharine C Knowles
South Kingston Lois Perry Deborah Collins & Mary Ann Collins
Providence Anna T Dennis Sarah F Tobey & Susan M Shove
present except two for whose absence satisfactory
reasons are assigned
The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th
have been read at this time.

A Committee of Swansey Mo Meeting requests the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to confer with them on the subject of Elders, and we appoint Huldah M Beede Gulielma Sturbone Emma Metcalf and Anna J Dennis to unite with a Committee of Men Friends in giving attention to the subject

The London printed Epistle of last year has been acceptably read at this time

We conclude proposing to meet in 2d mo next at Providence if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Providence the 4th of 2d mo 1855. By accounts from our several Monthly meetings the Representatives are ver- for

Rhode Island Susan Ann Boffum & Anna Mott

Swanzey Philena Chace Hannah M Buffinton and Ruth D Buffinton

Greenwich Phebe B Reynolds Mary Ann Sisson and Rhoda H Buffinton

South Kingston Mary D Collins & Elizabeth Peckham

Providence Sarah F Tobey Mary A Smith & Emma Metcalf

who are present except one, for whom absence is satisfactorily accounted

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Men Friends inform that they have united with Swansey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Estes to the Station of an Elder with which we unite. we have also with the concurrence of men Friends united with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eunice Estes to the Station of an Elder, and Ruth B Bossinton is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Macy returned at this time, the certificate endorsed by this Meeting in 8th mo last with the information that she had been favored to accomplish the service then in prospect to the relief and peace of her own mind. She presented minutes from the Yearly Meeting of Indiana, from Spiritual Quarterly Meeting, from Northern Quarterly Meeting held in Minnisinewa and from the Monthly Meetings of Minnisinewa and Back Creek expressing that her company and gospel labors had been acceptable to them which is satisfactory to us.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this Meeting

Lydia C Smith Emma Mekeel and Amanda
M Buffington are appointed to confer with
some friends for that Station and propose
them to our next meeting

We conclude purposing to meet in 5th mo
next at Greenwich if permitted

Sarah L Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Greenwich the 3d of 5th mo 1875.
By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings
the representatives are for
Rhode Island Cynthia Brown & Elizabeth L Chace
Swansey Mary Shove Phebe L Anthony & Sarah Slade
Greenwich Lois L Greene Phebe C Reynolds & Joanna Peck
South Kingston Hannah Knowles & Jane Harvel
Providence Anna L Dennis Hulda M Beede
and Sarah L Tobey who are present
The Committee on the subject of Clerks report
that they are united in proposing the
reappointment of Sarah L Tobey as Clerk
and the appointment of Mary A Smith
as assistant, which being acceptable to the
meeting they are appointed to that service
for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Isaac Jay is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Minnesota Monthly Meeting Indiana endorsed by Northern Quarterly Meeting held at Minnisinewa expressive of their unity with him in his ministerial engagements his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our esteemed friend Luke Thomas companion to Isaac Jay is also in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from New Garden Monthly meeting, his company is acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign minutes prepared for them by our friends.

The Queries have been read with answers from our several monthly meetings from which we have selected such as we think descriptive of our present State and forward them to the Yearly meeting by our friends Elizabeth Peckham Emmie Metcalf Elizabeth Meader Mary Williams Sarah J. Toby Mary Shove Phebe C Reynolds Mary A Smith Ruth Shove & Joanna Peck whom we appoint our representatives to attend said meeting

A lively and interesting memorial from Greenwich monthly Meeting in relation to our dear deceased friend Thomas Anthony has been read and approved

We conclude purposing to meet in 8th mo next at Newport if permitted

Sarah J. Toby Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Newport the 2d of 8th mo 1855
By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings
the representatives are for
Rhode Island Anna Mott and Hannah Doane
Swanny Eunice Estes Amanda M Buffinton & Mary Shove
Greenwich Catherine C Knowles Phebe C Reynolds & Lois J Greene
South Kingston Mary D Collins and Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Mary R Buffinton Patience Haskell & Susan M Shove
who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory
reason is given
The Queries have been read with answers to the
1st 2d & 10th from our several Monthly Meetings
The representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended
agreeably to appointment
Our beloved friend Moses H Beede informed this
meeting that he had for some time past felt
a concern to attend, in the love of the Gospel the
approaching Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana
to visit the Meetings of Friends within their
limits and if way should open for it, to appoint
some meetings amongst those not in membership
with us, as expressed in his certificate from
Providence Monthly Meeting. his request
claiming our deliberate consideration was
united with and the clerk was directed to sign
an endorsement prepared by our Friends.
Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting
and the report of the Boarding School Committee
have been acceptably read at this time

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chace opened in this
Meeting a prospect of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting
of Friends in Indiana, of visiting in the love of the
gospel some of the Meetings composing it, and of
appointing a few Meetings if way should open for it
as expressed in his certificate from Swansey Monthly
Meeting - This prospect claimed our solid consideration
and was united with and the Clerk was directed to
sign an endorsement prepared by these Friends.

We conclude fimposing to meet in 11th month
next at Swanny if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Swansey the 1st of 11th mo 1855.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings
the representatives are for

Rhode Island Abby Dennis and Elizabeth T. Chace
Swansey Anna Shove Hannah C Robinson & Ruth B Beffington
Greenwich Bethia D Parker Lydia Gould and Galeldina Freeborne
South Kingston Lois Perry and Deborah Collins
Providence Anna S Dennis Sarah F Tobey & Hannah Lawrence

Who are all present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th
have been read at this time

This meeting has received a request from the Elders
of Providence Monthly Meeting to appoint

Committee with whom they may consult -
and we appoint Huldah M Beede Anna S Dennis
Joanna Peck Sarah F Tobey & Amanda M Buffington
to unite with a Committee of Men Friends in giving
attention to the Subject
The London printed epistle has been acceptably
read at this time

We conclude purposing to meet in
2nd mo next at Providence if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Providence the 7th of 2nd mo 1856
By accounts from our several monthly
Meetings the Representatives are for
Rhode Island Abby Dennis & Cynthia Bowen
Swanny Content S Earle and Phebe Robinson
Greenwich Lucia A Brayton Cynthia S Earle & Bethia D Perry
South Kingston Lois Perry Elizabeth Peckham & Mary D Collins
Providence Elizabeth H Paine Sarah F Tobey & Anne S Dennis
who are present except one for whom a
satisfactory reason is assigned
The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th
have been read.
The Committee appointed last quarter to
unite with a committee of Men Friends
in considering a subject to be laid before them
by the Elders of Providence Monthly Meeting
inform that they have given attention

to their appointment but are not prepared to make a full report at this time and they are continued and desired to report to a future meeting

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chace returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting in 8th mo last, with the information that he had been favored to accomplish the service as therein expressed to the relief and peace of his own mind - he presented minutes from Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends from Blue River Quarterly Meeting and from Dover and Center Monthly Meetings held in Clinton County Ohio expressing that he acceptably attended those Meetings, which is satisfactory to us.

Transcripts of epistles from North Carolina and Ohio have been acceptably read at this time.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, Lois Greene Anna T Dennis and Elizabeth Meader are appointed to confer with some friends for that office and propose them to our next meeting

We conclude purposing to meet in 5th mo next at Greenwich if permitted

Sarah L Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 1st of 5th mo 1856
By accounts from our monthly meetings the representatives are, for
Rhode Island Margaret Anthony Ruth Chase & Anna Mott
Swansey Ruth B Buffinton Phebe Chase & Hepsibah Shove
Greenwich Gulielma Thurston Bethia D Carter & Lois I Greene
South Kingston Anna A Gould and Mary Ann Collins
Providence Elizabeth Meader Sarah Reynolds and
Mary R Buffinton - who are present except one
for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

The committee on the subject of Clerks report that they are united in proposing the reappointment of Sarah F Tobey as Clerk and Mary A Smith assistant which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read with answers from our several monthly meetings and a summary collected therefrom which are forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Sarah F Tobey Phebe Chase Elizabeth Peckham Mary A Smith Sarah Layton Hannah C Robinson Joanna Peck Elizabeth Meader & Anna T Dennis whom we appoint representatives to attend said meeting.

The Committee appointed in 11th mo last to unite with a committee of men Friends in considering a subject to be presented to them by the Elders of Providence Monthly Meeting,

report that they have attended to their appointment which is satisfactory to the Meeting and they are accordingly released.

We conclude proposing to meet in 8th mo next at Newport if permitted

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport the 7th of 8th mo 1856

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz- for

Rhode Island Elizabeth S Chase and Abby Dennis

Swanny South Hoide Emmit Estes and Ruth B Gifford

Greenwich Gulielma Sanborn Lydia Gould and Lois S Greene

South Kingston Mary Ann Collins and Ruth Ann Collins

Providence Eliza S Bowen Mary A Smith & Anne S Dennis

who are all present.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th have been read at this time.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended agreeably to their appointment

Men Friends inform that they have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Marinus Parker to the station of an Elder- and with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Gilbert Congdon with which we unite.

We have received at this time the London printed epistle of last year transcripts of epistles from London and Dublin, & Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, the report of the Boarding School committee and transcripts of epistles from most of the Yearly Meetings on this Continent

We conclude purposing to meet in 11th Month next at Swansey if permitted

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey the 6th of 11th mo 1856

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz-

Rhode Island Anna Mott and Margaret Anthony
Swanzey Esther Chace Eliza Ann Chace & Hepzibah Shove
Greenwich Phebe C Reynolds Joanna Peck & Gabelma Inabow
South Kingston Mary Ann Collins and Lois Perry
Providence Sarah F. Tobey Hannah Lawrence and Mary A Smith who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

Our beloved friend Ann Kenworthy is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from White Water Monthly Meeting of Friends Indiana, endorsed by White Water Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with her in her present religious engagement,- her company and gospel labors

have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend William Gifford attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by our friends.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gifford is in attendance of this meeting as companion to her husband William Gifford with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

Our beloved friend William Kenworthy is in attendance of this meeting as companion to his wife Ann Kenworthy with a minute of concurrence from White Water monthly meeting. his company is acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by our friends.

Our beloved friend Moses K Beeler returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting in 8th mo 1855 with the information that he had been favored to accomplish the service as therein expressed to the peace of his own mind He presented returning minutes from the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, from the Quarterly

Meetings of Alum Creek, Miami, West Branch and Westfield - Ohio - Salem White Water and Pleasant Plain - Iowa - Spiceland New Garden Blue River and White Water - Indiana, and from the Monthly Meetings of New Garden Salem Upper Springfield Sandy Spring, Spring Creek Richland Pleasant Plain, East Grove Iowa Rivers Red Cedar Mill Creek, West Branch Cincinnati Deer Creek Miami White Water Springfield Clear Creek Centre and Dover expressing that his company and gospel labors had been acceptable to them which is satisfactory to us.

The Queries with answers to the first, second and tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

The London printed epistle of last year has been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude proposing to meet in 2nd Mo.th next at Providence if permitted

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at at Providence the 5th of 2nd mo 1857

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are for

Rhode Island Hannah Paine and Cynthia Bowen
Swansey Ruth B Buffinton and Eliza Hall
Greenwich Catharine C Knowles Rhoda H Buffinton & Betha S Parker
South Kingston Dorcas G Babcock and Mary S Babcock
Providence Anna S Dennis Hannah S Peckham & Dorcas B Robinson

who are present except three, for the absence of one, a satisfactory reason is given.

Our beloved friend Amelia Darlington is in attendance of this Meeting with a certificate from Red Cedar Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, Iowa, expressive of their unity with her in her present religious engagement – her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the Meeting

Our beloved friend Brinton Darlington is in attendance of this Meeting as companion to his wife Amelia Darlington with a minute of concurrence from Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, Iowa – his company is acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by our Friends

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Monthly Meetings

Providence Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Sarah F. Tobey and Mary A Smith to the Station of Elders, with which this meeting unites men friends concurring therein, and Gulielma Sherborn is appointed to inform the select meeting thereof.

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed Mary R Briffinton, Anna I Dennis and Cynthia Bowen are appointed to confer with some friends for that Station and propose them to our next meeting.

We conclude purposing to meet in 5th month next at Greenwich if permitted

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 7th of 5th mo 1857

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are for

Rhode Island Anna Borden and Hannah Dame
Swansey, Esther Chace Abby C Gifford & Phebe S Anthony
Greenwich Lydia W Peck Lois S Greene & Joanna Peck
South Kingston Anna Gould & Elizabeth Peckham
Providence Elizabeth Meader Mary A Smith
Mary Metcalf & Hannah Lawrence who are present.

The committee on the subject of Clerks report that they are united in proposing the reappointment of Sarah F Tobey as Clerk and Mary A Smith assistant, which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers from our several Monthly Meetings and a summary prepared therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends

Elizabeth Meader Hannah C Robinson, Sarah Slade Elizabeth Peckham Julielma Sanborne Mary A Smith Anna Howland Sarah F Tobey & Cynthia Bowen whom we appoint representatives to attend said meeting

Men Friends inform that they have united with Swansea Mo Meeting in the appointment of Thomas S Gifford to the station of an Elder with which we unite.

The friend appointed last Quarter to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Sarah F Tobey & Mary A Smith to the Station of Elders report that she has attended thereto.

We conclude, purposing to meet in 8th mo next at Newport if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport the 6th of 8th mo 1857. By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are viz -

Rhode Island. Avis C. Mumford & Abby Dennis
Swansey Sarah Slade Hannah C Robinson & Laura L Chace
Greenwich Lois L Greene Catharine C Knowles Deborah Howland
South Kingston Ruth Ann Collins & Caroline Hazard
Providence Elizabeth Meader Sarah Reynolds and Huldah M Beede, who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th have been read.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended agreeably to appointment

Our beloved friend John Meader opened in this meeting a prospect which had for a long time rested upon his mind of attending in the love of the Gospel the approaching Yearly Meetings of Ohio & Indiana, of visiting some of the Meetings within their limits, particularly Friends in the

Northwestern parts of Indiana, of attending a few meetings within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, and of appointing a few meetings amongst friends and others as expressed in his certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting. His prospect claiming the serious consideration of the Meeting was united with and the Clerk was directed to sign on its behalf an endorsement prepared by our friends.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, the report of the Boarding School Committee and the London printed Epistle have been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude proposing to meet in 11th mo next at Swansey if permitted

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey the 5th of 11th mo 1857
By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings
the representatives are for
Rhode Island Cynthia Bowen and Elizabeth F Chase
Swansey Isabel Buffington Eunice Estes & Ruth B Gifford
Greenwich Bethia D Parker Lydia Gould & Phebe C Reynolds
South Kingston Anne A Gould & Lois Perry
Providence, account not present — the representatives
from the other Monthly Meetings all present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th have been read.

Our beloved friend Charles F Coffin is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Scipio Monthly Meeting endorsed by Scipio Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by our friends

Our beloved friend Joseph H Pratt is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Unity Monthly Meeting held at Albion, his company and religious have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by our friends.

Our beloved friend Martha C Pratt

an Elder is also in attendance of this meeting as companion to her husband Joseph H Platt with a minute of concurrence from the home meeting, her company is acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to ~~by~~ furnish her with a copy of this minute

Our beloved friend John Meader returned at this time the certificate endorsed by this meeting in 8th mo last with the information that he had been favored to accomplish the service therein expressed to the relief and peace of his own mind. He presented minutes from the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, from Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, and from the Monthly Meetings of Gilead in Morrow County Greenwich, & Alum Creek in Ohio, expressing that his company & gospel labors had been acceptable to them. which with the forgoing information is satisfactory to us—

We have united with our friends in granting the request of South Kingston Preparative Meeting to unite the two meetings for worship held in South Kingston in one meeting to be held at Peacedale

Epistles from London and Dublin Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read.

We conclude purposing to meet in 2nd Month next at Providence & Committee

Sarah F Tobey, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence the 4th of 2nd month 1858. By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are viz for Rhode Island Elizabeth S Chace Cynthia Bowen & Ruth Chace Swanny Maria Buffinton Sarah Slade, & Susan S Gifford Greenwich Rhoda H Buffinton Lydia Goulde & Guilelma Seaborne South Kingston Caroline Hazard & Mary Ann Collins Providence Patience Harkell Mary A Smith & Sarah K Reynolds who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th have been read

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs us that they are united in the appointment of Hannah Dawe to the Station of an Elder with which we unite having the concurrence of our friends therein.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Elizabeth Meader, Joanna Peck, Anna S Dennis & Ruth B Buffinton are appointed to confer with some friends for that Station and propose them to our next meeting.

We conclude purposing to meet in 5th mo next at Greenwich if permitted

Sarah F Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 6th of 5th mo 1858.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are for Rhode Island Cynthia Bowen and Elizabeth H Chase, Swanson Ruth B Bullington, Hannah C Robinson, and Ruth D Shove, Greenwich Bethia D Parker, Anna Howland, & Eleanor G Arnold, South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham, & Ruth Ann Collins, Providence Elizabeth Meader Eleanor Jostin and Patience Haskell who are present except three.

The Committee on the subject of Clerks report, that they are united in proposing the appointment of Mary A Smith for Clerk, and Anna P Dennis assistant, which being acceptable to the meeting, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers from our several monthly Meetings and a summary prepared therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth Meader, Bethia D Parker, Mary A Smith, Elizabeth Peckham, Huldah H Beede, Anna Howland, Sarah Slade, Eleanor Jostin, Mary Williams & Cynthia Bowen, whom we appoint Representatives to attend said meeting. Our beloved friend Jewett Morse is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Massachusetts expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement, his company and religious Services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by the Men's meeting.

Our beloved friend David Kelley is also in attendance
of this meeting as companion to Newell Hoxie
with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich
Monthly Meeting his company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Moses H Beede a minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a concern which had rested on his mind for some months, of attending in the love of the Gospel some of the meetings within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, of being at the opening of Western Yearly Meeting in ninth month next, of attending Indiana Yearly Meeting, and if way should open for it, of attending to some further religious service within the limits of the two latter Yearly Meetings; and of attending some meetings passing through. This Meeting expressed in his certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting his prospect coming the serious consideration of the meeting was fully united with and the Clerk directed to sign an endorsement prepared by men friends.

Men friends inform that they have united with Swansey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Amos Wade to the station of an Elder, with which we unite.

"We conclude purposing to meet again in eighth month next at Pawtucket if permitted."

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport the 5th of 8th month 1858. By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, For Rhode Island Ruth Chase & Abby Dennis. Swansey Sarah Slade & Ruth B Gifford. Greenwich Catharine C Knowles, & Lois J Greene. South Kingston, Elizabeth Peckham, & Mary D Collins. Providence Mary R Buffington, Eliza F Bowen and Hannah F Peckham. who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended agreably to appointment.

Our beloved friend Deborah C Hinsdale is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from New York Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting held at New York, expressive of their unity with her as a minister, and with her present religious engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Maria Willets an Elder is in attendance of this meeting as companion to Deborah C Hinsdale with a minute of concurrence from New York Monthly Meeting, her company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford a minister is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of unity from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Massachusetts, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by men Friends.

Our beloved friend John Meader a minister in unity with us, spread before this meeting a concern which had been some time before him of attending in the love of the Gospel the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends in Baltimore, and if way should open for it, of visiting and appointing a few meetings in the course of the journey as expressed in his minute from Providence Monthly Meeting which claimed the solid consider=ation of this meeting, was fully united with and the clerk directed to sign an endorse ment on its behalf prepared by men friends.

"We have recieved Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, Transcripts of Epistles recieved and the Report of the Boarding School committee, also the London printed Epistle.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st " 2nd " & 10th " from our several Monthly Meetings. The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, intending to meet again in 11th " month next at Swansey if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 4th of 11th mo 1858.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz — for Rhode Island Cynthia Bowen, and Ruth Chase, East Greenwich Bethia D Parker, & Phebe C Reynolds, Swansey, Ruth B Buffington & Amey S Anthony, Providence; Eunice Metcalf Dorcas B Robinson & Anna I Dennis. South Kingston, Lois Perry, and Mary D Collins. who are present except one.

The Clerk being absent Anna I Dennis is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries with answers to the first second and tenth have been read.

Our beloved friend John Meader returned an indorsement of a certificate granted by Providence Monthly Meeting in the 8th month, with information that he had been enabled to perform the service therein expressed to the comfort and peace of his own mind; he also presented returning minutes from Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Baltimore Quarterly Meeting expressing that his company and religious services had been acceptable and edifying to them which with the above information is acceptable to this meeting.

We conclude, purposing to meet in second month next at Providence, if permitted. Anna I Dennis Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 3rd of 2nd month 1859.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz for Rhode Island Ruth Chase, Anne Mott, Cynthia Bowen, Swansey Maria Buffinton, Susan S Gifford Esther Chase, Greenwich Gulielma Freeborn, Lydia Gould, Phebe C Reynolds, South Kingston Elizabeth Peckham, Mary D Collins, Providence Sarah H Tobey, Patience Haskell, Elizabeth Meader, who are present except three, for the absence of two a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Page is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Weare Monthly Meeting her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute. Our beloved friend Hannah Page an elder is in attendance of this meeting as companion to our friend Elizabeth Page, with a minute of concurrence from Weare Monthly Meeting, her company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute. Our beloved friend Samuel Taylor is in attendance of this meeting

with a minute of concurrence from Sydney Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on his minute which may be prepared by men friends.

Our beloved friend Thomas B Nichols is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting held at East Vassalboro, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on his minute that may be prepared by men friends.

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement for him that may be prepared by men frds.

Our beloved friend Hannah C Robinson opened in this meeting a prospect that had rested on her mind for some time of attending New York Monthly Meeting of Friends and the meetings belonging thereto; and if way should open for it of visiting most of the families constituting that meeting, as expressed in her certificate from Swansey Monthly Meeting, her concern was united with and she is set at liberty to proceed therein having the unity of men friends, and the clerk is directed to sign an indorsement on her minute expressive hereof. The time having expired for which the clerk and assistant were appointed to serve this

meeting we appoint Elizabeth Meader, Mary Williams and Sarah F Tobey to bring forward the names of some friends for that service and propose to our next meeting. The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet in 5th mo next at Greenwich if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Greenwich 5th of 5th mo 1859.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz, for Rhode Island, Abby Dennis, Margaret Anthony, and Anna Nott, Swansey Ruth B Gifford, and Ruth B Buffington, Greenwich Anna Howland, Bethia D Parker, and Rhoda H Buffington, South Kingston, Electa Jane Collins, and Elizabeth Peckham, Providence Mary D Congdon, Mary A Smith and Elizabeth Meader who are present.

The friends appointed to bring forward names for clerks inform they have paid some attention to the subject but are not ready to make a full report, and Mary A Smith and Sarah F Tobey are appointed to serve for the day.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings and a summary prepared therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth Meader, Sarah

Leighton, Phebe C Reynolds, Huldah M Beede, Ruth B Buffington, Cynthia Bowen, Elizabeth Peckham, Sarah Slade, Ruth Anthony, and Ruth B Tifford. whom we uppoint our representatives.

"We have received a Memorial from South Kingston Monthly Meeting concerning our late friend Mary C Robinson, also a Testimony from the same Monthly Meting on behalf of our late friend Mary A Collins both of which have been read and approved.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 8th mo next at Newport if permitted. Mary A Smith Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Newport 4th of 8th mo 1859.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, for Rhode Island, Ruth Anthony & Phebe C Mumford, Swanzey, Esther Chace, Ruth B Burgington, and Abby E Tifford, Greenwich Catharine C Knowles, Cynthia J Earle, and Anna Howland. South Kingston, Ruth Ann Collins, & Anna A Gould. Providence, Eliza H Bowen, Joanna M Pierce, and Gertrude W Cartland. present except three for whose absence sufficient reasons were given.

"The Committee on the subject of Clerks report they were united in proposing the reappointment of Mary A Smith as Clerk, and Anna J Dennis assistant, with which the meeting unites and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended agreably to appointment.

Our beloved friend Nathan Douglas is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Durham Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement, his company & gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is authorized to sign an endorsement that may be prepared for him by men friends.

Men friends inform they have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Anthony to the station of an Elder, and with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appoint = ment of Joseph Cartland to the same station with which we unite.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again at Swansey in 11th mo next if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swansey the 3d of 11th mo 1859.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are for Rhode Island, Dorcas Dennis, Mary Williams, and Elizabeth T Chace Swansey Sarah Slade, Phebe H. Anthony, and Ruth D Shove. Greenwich, Bethiah D Parker,

and Phebe C Reynolds. South Kingston, Anna A Gould, and Electa Jane Collins. Providence Patience Haskell, Elizabeth A Congdon, and Joanna M Pierce who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Moses H Beede returned at this time a Certificate indorsed by this meeting last year with the information that he had been favored to return with the reward of sweet peace; he presented returning minutes from Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings, from Red Cedar, Salem, Farmington, Ferrisburg, and Scipio Quarterly meetings; and from Fairfield, Upper Springfield, Bloomington, New Garden, and Salem Monthly meetings, expressive of his company and gospel labors among them having been acceptable and encouraging, which with the above information are satisfactory to the meeting.

Our beloved friend Hannah C Robinson returned at this time a minute endorsed by this meeting some time since, liberating her for religious service, with the information that way did not open for the accomplishment thereof.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet in 2nd month next at Providence if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Providence the 2nd of 2nd mo 1860.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are, viz, for Rhode Island, Ruth Chace, Abby Dennis, & Elizabeth T Chace. Swansey, Ruth B Gifford, Susan H Gifford, and Phebe Robinson. Greenwich, Rhoda H Buffington Bethia D Parker, and Eleanor G Arnold. South Kingston, Lydia T Collins, & Caroline Hazzard. Providence, Mary A Smith, Mary Metcalf, and Anna T Dennis who are present except two.

Our beloved friend Eliza M Farr is in attendance of this meeting with a Certificate from Litchfield Monthly Meeting held at Manchester expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We are informed that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has united in the appointment of Ruth Anthony to the station of an Elder with which we unite, and that South Kingston Monthly Meeting has united in the appointment of Mary D Collins to the same station with which we also unite.

Our beloved friend Noah Farrar Elder is in attendance of this meeting as companion to his wife Elisa M Farr, his company has been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared for him by men Friends.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 5th mo next at Greenwich if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich 3d of 5th mo 1866
By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are for Rhode Island, Elizabeth S Chace and Cynthia Bowen, for Swanzey, Esther Chace, Phebe S Anthony, and Ruth B Buffington, for Greenwich Bethia D Parker, and Anna Howland, for South Kingston Lois Perry, and Mary Ann Collins, for Providence Sarah H Tobey, Mary R Buffington, and Olive L Mann, present except one who was prevented by indisposition.

The Queries have been read with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, and a summary collected therefrom which with an account signed by the Clerk are forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia Gould, Sarah H Tobey, Mary A Smith, Ruth B Gifford, Ruth B Buffington, Anna Howland, Hannah C Robinson, Cynthia Bowen & Anney

Wilbur whom we appoint to attend said meeting as our Representatives.

The year having expired for which the clerks were appointed to serve this meeting, Sarah Slade and Sarah F. Tobey are appointed to purchase some names for that service to our next meeting. A lively and interesting Testimony from Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of our late beloved friend Rowland Greene has been read and approved.

We have united with a proposition from the Select meeting to change the time of holding our select meeting here at Newport and Swanrey, to three o clock in the afternoon.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Newport in 8th mo next (if permitted). Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport the 2nd & 5th mo 1860.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz for Rhode Island, Hannah Dame and Hannah Hall Somerset Ruth Buffington Ruth Bufford & Maria Buffington. Greenwich Emeline Reeves, Cynthia Earle and Phebe C Reynolds, South Kingston Electa Jane Collins and Ruth Ann Collins, Providence Mary L Smith, Joanna M Pierce & Huldah M Beedle who are present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

The Committee on the subject of Clerks report they are united in proposing the reappointment of Mary A Smith as Clerk and Anna T Dennis assistant,

A T Dennis being absent their appointment is deferred, and Mary A Smith and Sarah H Tobey are appointed to serve for the day.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our several Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment.

We have recieved at this time Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of women friends,

Transcripts of Epistles from London, Dublin, and all the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence, a Repeal of the Boarding School Committee, also the following Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Somerset in the 11th mo next if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Somerset the 1st of 11th mo 1866.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are for Rhode Island Ruth Anthony, Elizabeth T Chace and Cynthia Brown. Swansey Sarah Buffington Esther Chace and Laura L Chace. Greenwich Gulielma Freeborn, Bethia D Parker, and Lydia Gould. South Kingston Lois Perry and Lucia C Collins. Providence Elizabeth Mowden Dorcas B Robinson, and Mary A Smith, who being called are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

Mary A Smith and Anna J Dennis are reappointed as Clerk and assistant for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Lucy J Collins is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Bolton Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the meeting. The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude purposing to meet again at Providence in 2nd mo next if permitted.

Mary A Smith, Clerk.

Yearly Meeting, 6th Month, 1860.

The committee in charge of our Boarding School, at Providence, presented their annual report, which is satisfactory to us;—and much sympathy was felt and expressed for those who have acted in our behalf, in consequence of some cases of severe, and two of fatal sickness in the institution, since the commencement of the present term, but which we thankfully trust may not extend further.

The report of the committee is as follows, viz:—

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report:

That for the Summer term of the school, there were admitted one hundred and thirty seven scholars; seventy-one males and sixty-six females; and for the Winter term, one hundred and seventy-seven scholars; ninety-seven males and eighty females; and with few exceptions, arising from ill health or other causes, they attended through these terms respectively.

Our friends Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, have acceptably served the Institution as principals, on the same terms as heretofore. They have been assisted by the following teachers, viz: In the Summer term, John F. Rowell, Samuel T. Satterthwaite, Mary S. Harris and Elma M. Dame, in the English Branches; Franklin E. Page in Mathematics, Robert Henry Duncan in Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaut in French and German, and Mary A. Potter in Drawing. In the Winter term, in the English Branches, the same teachers were employed, with the exception of Samuel T. Satterthwaite, and the addition of Mary Anna Stanton and Ellen L. Whittier. In Mathematics, Henry L. Pinkham was employed; in Natural Science, Samuel Austin, and in Penmanship, Harvey Maxfield. In the other branches, the teachers were the same as in the Summer term.

We have had, the past year, to record the removal, by death, of one of these teachers, and at our meeting in the First Month, we thought it right to place on our records, the following minute in relation thereto, viz:

"In recording the removal by death of our beloved young friend Mary S. Harris, we believe it right to express our sense of the excellence of her character, and of the loss we have sustained in this dispensation of our Heavenly Father, who determineth all things in His wisdom, and whose ways are past finding out.

"Educated in this Institution, going through with the full course of study recently established here, with much credit, and receiving the first diploma issued by us, she was introduced as a teacher into the school, and had discharged the duties of the appointment for about two years, with great acceptance to us, to her associate teachers, and to the pupils of the Institution.

"Soon after the opening of the present term, our dear friend was somewhat indisposed, and it was thought best she should be temporarily released from her school duties; and she went to the house of a relative in Waterford, expecting to return here in a few days. But He who knoweth what is best for us all, who seeth the end from the beginning and doeth all things well, had otherwise appointed. She gradually sunk under a typhoid fever, and was released from the pains and trials of mortality, the 4th of First Month, 1860; aged about 23 years.

"While we deeply feel our privation by her removal from us; while we tenderly sympathize with her afflicted relatives in their bereavment; we are comforted with the assured belief that she loved the Saviour, and that through His abounding mercy, she is received by Him into a place prepared for her in the mansions of His Father's house."

We believe the Institution, in its several departments, has been satisfactorily conducted, and continues to afford a means for a useful and guarded education to those entrusted to its care. The deportment of the scholars has been generally commendable, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory.

Meetings for worship have been held, as heretofore, in the school house, on First Day mornings; and these meetings are believed to have been held in a manner according with their solemn purpose. They have been attended, with few exceptions, by members of the Committee and other Friends.

Scriptural instruction has formed a part of the regular exercises of the school, with the purpose of giving the pupils a knowledge of the contents of these invaluable writings, and impressing their solemn truths upon their minds.

At the close of the Summer term, seven scholars having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

The accounts of the institution having been audited, exhibit the following result for the last year:—

CHARITABLE FUND.

Receipts from the income of the Fund, -	$165 00
Due the Treasurer, at this time, - - -	92 50
	$257 50
Charges on the Fund,	
Due the Treasurer, last year, - - - -	$97 50
Payment for the board and tuition of four children, one term each, - - - - -	160 00
	$257 50

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from the Income of the School Fund,	$3,844 84
From a subscription, - - - - -	50 00
	$3,894 84
Payments,	
Fire insurance premium, - - - - -	$165 00
Interest, - - - - - - - -	170 15
Repairs and additions on School premises,	1,541 63
To Joseph Cartland on contract - -	3,000,000
	$4,876 78
Leaving a deficiency of - - - - -	981 94
Which added to the indebtedness reported last year, of $2,171 87, makes the present indebtedness, - - - - - - - -	$3,153 81

The deficiency above reported, arises principally from a falling short of the income of the School Fund, which was the last year from $2,000 to $3,000 less than in former years. It is not expected that this will again occur, and under the present arrangement, it is hoped that the debt may, in a few years, be extinguished.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payable in advance. That $5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

Which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, with the belief that the Institution is usefully fulfilling the design of its founders.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHACE, *Clerk.*"

Providence, fifth Month, 8th, 1860.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Minute prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings in relation to the official steps to be taken in liberating Ministers for religious service, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with, and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of it to our several subordinate Meetings. It is as follows:

"When a Minister has a prospect of religious service, which according to our Discipline requires the unity of the Monthly Meeting, previous to its being brought to the consideration of said Meeting let it be laid before the preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at its stated time, or specially convened for the purpose, and if the friend is encouraged or left at liberty to do so, he should spread his concern before the Monthly Meeting, and let that Meeting take full time, under a very weighty sense of its responsibility, for solid and careful deliberation, before granting a certificate.

In cases requiring the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting, and said meeting unites with the concern, let it endorse its certificate as now required by Discipline; and if the concern is for a general or extensive visit, and the Quarterly Meeting shall advise that it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, let it be carried there for its unity and concurrence, before the friend enters upon such religious service.

And in all cases where the concern extends to territory beyond the Rocky Mountains, let it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the same manner as is required when the prospect "extends to Europe or beyond sea."

The vital importance of the maintenance of a sound Ministry, and of its being at all times exercised under the fresh anointing and renewed qualification which the Holy Spirit alone can give, has claimed our weighty and solemn consideration, and we believe it right to recommend to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings an increase of care and solid deliberation before recording their unity with the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of any of our members, and that the recommendation of the Discipline be carefully observed, that full time be allowed for clear evidence that the Lord hath called them to this weighty work."

This meeting is again introduced into deep exercise on account of deficiencies that have been reported in the answers to the Queries the present year, especially the answer to the 2d query, in regard to love and unity. We are sensible that the want of these essentials to our life as a body, may be confined to a few individuals, and yet, in an honest answer, appear to exhibit a greater extent of deficiency, than really exists in point of fact. In the present instance, it is, however, evident that there is an interruption of harmony, to a degree that cannot fail to prove injurious to individuals and to families, if not to the body of the meeting. When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. There is one Head over all things unto the Church. We have one Master, even Christ, and all of us are brethren. This is the condition of the Christian Church and of every one of its members; and when love and unity are interrupted between the professed followers of Jesus, we may be assured that there has been a want of watchfulness unto prayer, and that the voice and guidance of the good Shepherd have not been heard and followed. We know that in our weakness and fallibility, we are ever liable to err if we are not constantly engaged to walk in the love and in the fear of God. But our gracious and holy Leader has instructed us very minutely how to proceed with an offending brother. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go tell him his fault, between thee and him alone." We are not at liberty to speak of it to any one, not even to a fellow member, until we have taken this course with the offender; and if we neglect this first step, we do not observe the command of Christ, and become, ourselves, offenders against Him. We are confirmed in the belief, that if in the spirit of restoring love, we thus approach a brother who we apprehend has erred, we shall very often be favored to cause him to see and condemn the error of his way, and shall have the unspeakable comfort of having gained our brother; possibly of having saved a soul from death. If, unhappily, he will not hear us, the next step in the order of the Gospel is to take with us one or two more; and if he shall neglect to hear them, we are then to tell it unto the church. This is the order which the adorable Head of the Church has prescribed; this is the course which we, as a portion of that Church, have ever acknowledged as obligatory upon us; upon this, His explicitly declared law, is our Discipline founded in relation to offenders. To restore to the truth where any have departed from it, is the paramount object of christian care and labor; and a vital question for every one of us to answer, not only to the Church, but also unto Him who is to judge us in the last day, is whether we have kept his command in this respect. Have we observed His law to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us?" If this be our engagement, there is no place for tale bearing and detraction; no liberty for whisperings and insinuations that militate against a brother or any of our fellow men. Very fearful and destructive are the consequences of an indulgence in these practices, which have their origin and support in him who is characterized as the accuser of the brethren. To you, beloved friends, between whom that love and unity which are indispensable to christian brethren, have been in some measure interrupted, we desire most tenderly and earnestly to appeal. How short is the remaining day of your probation! How soon will you be called to stand before Him who has loved us with an everlasting love; who knoweth our hearts and watcheth over us every hour of our lives! Be willing we entreat you, closely to examine yourselves. Be willing to lie very low before the Lord. Remember your own need of forgiveness. Forget not that if we are saved, it will be as *pardoned sinners.* Seek to be clothed with the beautiful garment of humility. Ask, in self abasedness for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Yield yourselves unto His gentle and pure teachings, and your hearts will not fail to be filled with love. Brother will seek to be reconciled unto brother, and in the exercise of that charity which thinketh no evil, each will prefer other to himself, and harmony and fellowship will be restored. "Be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

The Clerk is requested to furnish a copy of the foregoing Minute, to our several subordinate meetings.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 1st of 2d mo 1861.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are for Rhode Island Mary R Wilbur, Elizabeth C Chace and Cynthia Bowen Swanson, Sarah Wade, Maria Burlingame and Sarah C Buffington Greenwich Mary Ann Mason, and Julienne Sheldon, South Kingston Electa Gove & Eliza and Lois Peckham, [illegible]

except two and a satisfactory reason given for the absence of one. The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings. We are informed that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has united in the appointment of Elizabeth C Chace to the station of an Elder, with which we also unite having the concurrence of our friends herein. This meeting unites with the men in signing an endorsement to be placed on a certificate granted by Providence Monthly Meeting to our beloved [illegible] to some religious service within the limits of Rhode Island Salem and Dover Quarterly Meetings, as expressed in the certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting.

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at this time been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting.

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[illegible] next at Greenwich [illegible]

Mary Ann Mason, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 2nd of 5th mo 1861.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are from Rhode Island Margaret Anthony, Elizabeth S Chace, and Cynthia Bowen, Swansey Sarah Slade, Ruth B Buffington, and Phebe S Anthony, Greenwich Rhode Island Ruth B Buffington, Bethia D Parker, and [illegible] Smithfield Ruth Ann Tillinghast Portsmouth Elizabeth Meader, Anna I Dennis, and Mary D Congdon who being called are all present.

The Queries were then read in this meeting with answers from our several Monthly Meetings and a summary collected therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth Peckham, Hannah C Robinson, Ruth B Buffington, Mary M Smith, Anna I Dennis, Ruth Anthony, Anna Haviland & Lucretia Freeborn whom we appoint our representatives. Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister, and with his present religious engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement thereon for the same.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs they have united in the appointment of Ruth Chace to the service of this with which we unite, leaving the concurrence of men Friends therein.

Swansey Monthly Meeting informs they have united in the appointment of Ruth B Gifford to the station of Elder with which we unite.

We also unite with their Friends in concurring in the rise and approving the public appearances in the ministry of William S Richardson.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude proposing to meet again in 8th mo next at Newport if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 1st of 8th mo 1861.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz. for Rhode Island Ruth Potter, Hannah Dame, Elizabeth S Chace. Swansey, Sarah Slade, Phebe S Anthony. Greenwich Deborah Howland, Rebecca Potter. South Kingston, Electa J Collins, Elizabeth Peckham. Providence Eliza F. Bowen, Anna J Dennis Patience Haskell. who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason is given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended except one.

We have received at this time Transcripts of Epistles from London, Dublin, and from all the Yearly Meetings with which we hold correspondence a Report from the Boarding School Committee and printed minutes from our Yearly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a minister in unity with us, in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a prospect which had rested on her mind for a length of time, to attend in the love of the Gospel, Ohio, Indiana, & Western Yearly Meetings, and if way should open for it the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore, and to appoint a few meetings within their limits as expressed in her certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting, which claimed the serious consideration of this meeting & was feelingly united with, and she encouraged to proceed therein as best Wisdom may direct, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate on behalf of the meeting.

The London printed Epistle of last year has been acceptably read at this time.

We are informed from Greenwich Monthly Meeting that they had concluded to discontinue Cranston Preparative meeting, also the meeting for worship held at that place.

A printed minute of Advice from our last Yearly Meeting has been acceptably read at this time. The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again in 11th mo next at Swansey if permitted

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset 7th of 11th mo 1861.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are, viz. for Rhode Island Ruth A. Anthony and Cynthia A. Bowen. Swansey, Ruth B. Buffington. Lucy A. Anthony, Content R. Chace. Greenwich Phebe C. Reynolds, Lydia Gould, and Selvina D. Turner. South Kingston, Mary G. Collins, and Electa Jane Collins. Providence Eunice Metcalf Eliza F. Bowen, and Anna T. Dennis who are all present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the first second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Headley informed at this time the Certificate granted her in 8th month last, with the information that she had been favored profitably in the religious service she then had in prospect to the relief and peace of her own mind; she also presented returning minutes from Ohio Western Indiana & Baltimore Yearly Meetings all expressive of her company & religious services having been satisfactory to them, which with the above information is satisfactory to this meeting.

Our beloved friend Hannah H. Deane forwarded to this meeting the minute furnished her in 2nd mo last with written information that she had performed, as far as her health would permit, the religious service she then had in prospect with a feeling of satisfaction & peace, he

also forwarded returning minutes from Farmington
monthly meeting held at Lincoln Vermont,
from Farmington Monthly Meeting, and from
Farmington Farmington Quarterly Meeting held at Canada
East, all expressive of his company and gospel
labors having been satisfactory to them, which
with the above information is acceptable to this
meeting. The business of the meeting being
closed we conclude, proposing to meet again at
Providence in 2nd mo next if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women
Friends held at Providence 6th of 2nd mo 1862.

By accounts from our several Monthly
Meetings the Representatives are viz, for Rhode
Island, Elizabeth Mathewson, Margaret Anthony,
and Cynthia Bowen. Swansey, Maria Buffington,
Susan S Gifford, and Mary Slade, Greenwich
Rhoda H Buffington, Julianna Reebone and
Lydia Gould, South Kingston, Electa F Collins,
and Mary L Collins. Providence Joanna M
Pierce, Sarah F Tobey, and Mary A Smith
who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting
with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each
of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend John Pare is in attend-
ance of this meeting with a minute from
Ware Monthly Meeting expressive of their
unity with him as a minister and with his

present religious engagement, his company and religious services have been truly acceptable and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's meeting in signing a returning minute conformable to the above.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again in 5th month next at Greenwich if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich 1st of 5th mo 1862.

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives are, viz. from Rhode Island Ruth Anthony and Amy R Wilbur, Swanson Ruth B Gifford, Sarah Slade and Phebe S Anthony, Greenwich Anna Howland and Lydia Sisson, South Kingston, Elizabeth Peckham, Caroline Hazard, Mary D Collins. Providence Huldah M Beede, Mary D Congdon Hannah F Peckham and Mary Metcalf. who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings and a summary collected therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting with an account signed by the Clerk by our friends Elizabeth Peckham, Hannah C Robinson, Huldah M Beede, Gulielma Freeborn, Sarah Slade, Amy R Wilbur, Mary A Smith, Cynthia Bowen and Mary D

D Collins whom we appoint our representatives to said meeting.

Our beloved friend Francis W. Thomas is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from New Garden Monthly Meeting Indiana endosed by New Garden Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement, his company and religious services have been very acceptable and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in signing a returning minute for him conformable to the above. Our beloved friend Daniel Hill is also in attendance of this meeting as companion to our friend Francis W. Thomas with a minute of unity from New Garden Monthly Meeting his company is acceptable and the clerk is directed to sign a returning minute on his behalf.

We are informed from Providence Monthly Meeting that they were united in the appointment of Anna J Dennis to the station of Elder with which we unite having the concurrence of mem friends herein. We unite with the mens meeting in the appointment of William Chace, James Dennis, Gideon C Smith and Solomon R Knowles to the station of Elder. The time having terminated for which the clerks were appointed to serve this meeting, Ruth B Gifford and Cynthia Bowen are appointed to bring forward the names of some friends for that service, for the consideration of our next meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Newport in eighth month next if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Newport 7th of 8th month 1862.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz for Rhode Island Mary Williams and Ruth Anthony. for Swansey Ann Chace, Rachel P Chace & Phebe S Anthony. Greenwich Anna Howland & Eleanor G Arnold South Kingston Mary Ann Collins, & Anna A Gould. Providence Patience Haskell, Hannah F Peckham and Dorcas B Robinson who are all present except two for the absence of one a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Clerks have paid some attention to the subject but were not ready to report, and Mary A Smith and Amy R Wilbur are appointed to serve for the day.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended agreeable to appointment except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

We have received at this time the London general Epistle for the year 1862, also Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women friends held in London, Dublin, and all the Yearly Meetings with which we hold correspon-

-dence,

also a Report from the Boarding School committee and a printed minute of advice from our last Yearly Meeting which is as follows, viz.

"While engaged in the review of the state of Society, the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth query, was brought impressively before us, and we were feelingly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel, upon which our discipline is founded.

"First, let the labor with an offending brother be between him and thee alone — then two or three may engage in the work, and if this be unavailing, the aid of the Church may be rightly invoked to exercise its authority, in the Spirit of meekness & wisdom.

"A committee is to be appointed, free from prejudice, moving in the fear of God and in the love of Christ, to labor, in this love and in tenderness, to shew the offender the error of his way, and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing, then may the Church testify against his evil way, and, for the sake of the cause of Truth, dissolve his connection with our religious body.

"This course is according to the discipline and usage of our Society, and it is the sense and judgment of this Meeting, that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the Truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding.

Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitter-ness exists in their own hearts,—a fatal disqualification for doing good to others.

No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labor, bestowed in the love and under the influence of the Spirit of Christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou, also, be tempted."

From the minutes of the meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.

Our beloved friend John Henry Douglas is in attendance of this meeting, with a certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting Clinton County Ohio, endorsed by Center Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement, which with his company and religious service have been acceptable. Our esteemed friend Eli Harvey an Elder is in attendance of this meeting companion to our friend John Henry Douglas, with a minute of unity from Springfield Monthly Meeting Ohio, his company is acceptable.

Our beloved friend Wm G Johnson is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Plainfield Monthly Meeting Hendricks County Indiana, endorsed by Plainfield Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present religious engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable.

Our esteemed friend John M Macy is in attend-
-ance of this meeting, as companion to our friend
Wm G Johnson, with a minute of unity from
Hopewell Monthly Meeting his company is accep-
-table and the Clerk is directed to sign returning
minutes for each of them prepared by men friends.

The Queries have been read in this meeting
with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from
each of our Monthly Meetings.

A report from the Boarding School comm
-ittee has been read at this time, also a printed
minute of advice from our last Yearly Meeting
both of which are satisfactory.

The business of this meeting being closed
we conclude, purposing to meet again at
Somerset in 11th month next if permitted.

Mary A Smith, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
women Friends held at Somerset the 6th of 11th mo
1862.

By accounts received from our several
Monthly Meetings, the representatives are viz.
from Rhode Island, Elizabeth T Chace &
Margaret Anthony, from Swansey, Thebe S
Anthony, Esther Chace, & Laura L Chace
from Greenwich, Bethia D Parker, Julianna
Freeborn, from South Kingston, Elizabeth Peckham,
Mary L Collins, from Providence, Elizabeth A
Congdon, Joanna M Pierce, Elizabeth Meader,
& Dorcas B Robinson, who are present except
two, and a reason given for the absence of one.

The friends appointed to propose names for clerks to this meeting propose the reappointment of Mary L. Smith and Anna J. Dennis, with which the meeting unites, and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

An acceptable Epistle from London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again in second month next at Providence if permitted.

Mary L. Smith. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Providence 5th of 2nd month 1863.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Ruth Chace, and Cynthia Brown, from Swansey Maria Buffington, Sarah Slade, and Eliza Ann Chace. Greenwich Phebe C. Reynolds, & Lydia Gould. South Kingston, Mary D. Collins & Anna M. Gould, Providence Sarah F. Tobey, Mary A. Smith, & Mary Metcalf. whose names being called are all present except one.

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones is in attendance at this meeting, with a minute from China Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her

present religious engagement, her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute for her conformable to the above.

Our beloved friend John D Lang is in attendance at this meeting with a minute from Cassalbova Monthly Meeting endorsed by Cassalbova Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement. Our beloved friend Powell Ordway is in attendance at this meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement, their company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes for each of them prepared by men friends. The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We unite with Swansey Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Eliza Hull. we also unite with that Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah Slade to the Station of Elder having the concurrence of men friends in both cases.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, proposing to meet again in 5th mo next at Greenwich, if permitted.

Mary A Smith Clerk.

AT A MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS

HELD BY ADJOURNMENT AT

PROVIDENCE, THE 24th OF 3d MO., 1863.

In seasons of adversity and trial it becomes brethren to sympathize one with another; to pray one for another; and so far as may be to bear the burdens one of another and thus "fulfill the law of Christ."

Assembled as we now are and engaged, in this time of calamity when the desolating scourge of war is upon our country, to know what is required at our hands, we have felt drawn in much tenderness towards our beloved fellow members of this Yearly Meeting with fervent desires to strengthen them to be steadfast and immovable in doing the work of the Lord, and in obeying the teaching and precepts of the blessed Saviour, of Him at whose advent a multitude of the Heavenly Host praised "God, saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." In these heavenly strains was the birth of Christ celebrated by the angels. To establish peace on earth was one of the purposes for which he left the bosom of the Father; took upon Him the form of a servant and dwelt among men. In all His teachings and in all the declarations of the glad tidings both by inspired men and by angels, peace, peace is proclaimed.

For our present object it may not be necessary for us to recite the full and explicit commands, by which as a religious Society we have ever felt bound unequivocally to bear our testimony against all war, under whatever provocation or temptation; and in support thereof much suffering has been endured; many sacrifices have been made; many afflictions have been borne by our forefathers in the Truth—but the Lord delivered out of them all.

In our own favored land in time past, liberty of conscience, with little exception, has been held sacred by our Legislators, and few of our members of the present generation have suffered either in person or estate on account of our christian principles. It is possible that in our entire freedom we have not all of us always been so consistent in maintaining, so concerned in upholding this testimony before our fellow-men; so engaged that our light should shine in their presence as to produce conviction on their minds of the depth and sacredness of this vital testimony in our hearts. We have not perhaps always shown that our trust for preservation was placed on the Lord Almighty, and not on the strength of man—and it may be that we shall yet be required to suffer for Christ's sake in the support of Peace. But will we shrink from suffering, if thereby we maintain a conscience void of offence toward God and man?

We tenderly entreat and exhort our dear young men, not to violate or disregard a conscientious scruple—Trust in God—He is a present help in time of need—They who love Him never yet sought His face in vain—His name is a strong tower into which all these may run and find safety—Even if assailed be courteous to all, and manifest a meek and quiet spirit with that love which becomes followers of Jesus; and thus you may turn away all wrath and bring revilers to serious reflection and peradventure be instrumental in winning them to Christ—Avoid all contention and excitement and all unprofitable discussion of the measures adopted by the Rulers of our nation now in power—While you love your country, and are ready to relieve the sufferings of our fellow men, by every christian means in your power, you may best promote your country's good by putting up your prayers for its preservation and for the restoration of peace within all its borders.

And our elder brethren we entreat to watch over the younger in tender love—Keep near them—Counsel them for good—Endeavor to lighten their burdens should they be involved in trials—Remind them of the sure promises of God to all that put their trust in Him—Go with them into suffering if suffering should be their lot—Let it be seen of all men that the love of Christ binds us together.

While we believe it right for us thus to express our feelings and our deep concern, and to exhort all to unswerving faithfulness, we are comforted with an abiding faith that we shall not be tried beyond what we are able to bear, but that a way of escape and relief will be provided by Him, who hath power to turn the hearts of the children of men as one turneth the water course in his field, and who is most honored when most trusted—best pleased when best obeyed.

The Clerk is requested to have three thousand copies of the foregoing Minute printed, and furnished to the Meetings and Members of this Yearly Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich 7th & 5th mo 1863.

By accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are, viz, for Rhode Island, Margaret Anthony, and Susan Hathaway Swansey, Esther Chace, Ruth B Buffington, and Abby C Gifford, Greenwich Rhoda H Buffington, and Lydia C Gould, South Kingston, Mary Ann Collins, Dorcas G Babcock, and Mary D Collins, Providence, Elizabeth Meader, Mary Helen, and Eliza F Bowen, who being called, are all present except two and a sufficient reason rendered for the absence of one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from our several Monthly Meetings and a Summary collected therefrom which we forward to the Yearly Meeting with an account signed by the clerk, by our friends Elizabeth Meader, Rhoda M Beede, Abby C Gifford, Hannah B Williams, Elizabeth Peckham, Mary D Collins, Joanna M Pierce, Deborah Howland, Ruth B Buffington, Mary Ann Collins, and Mary A Smith. whom we appoint our representatives.

We unite with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Cynthia Bowen, having the concurrence of men friends herein. We have at this time recieved the following interesting document from the meeting for sufferings.

At a Meeting for Sufferings
held by adjournment at
Providence, the 24th of 3d mo, 1863.

In seasons of adversity and trial it becomes brethren to

sympathize one with another; to pray one for another;
and so far as may be to bear the burdens one of another
and thus "fulfill the law of Christ."

Assembled as we now are and engaged, in this
time of calamity, when the desolating scourge of war
is upon our country, to know what is required at our
hands, we have felt drawn in much tenderness
towards our beloved fellow members of this Yearly meeting
with fervent desires to strengthen them to be steadfast
and immovable in doing the work of the Lord, and in
obeying the teaching and precepts of the blessed Saviour,
of Him at whose advent a multitude of the Heavenly
Host praised "God, saying, Glory to God in the high-
est, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
In these heavenly strains was the birth of Christ
celebrated by the angels. To establish peace on earth
was one of the purposes for which he left the bosom
of the Father, took upon Him the form of a servant
and dwelt among men. In all His teachings and in
all the declarations of the glad tidings both by
inspired men and by angels, peace, peace is proclaimed.

For our present object it may not be necessary for us
to recite the full and explicit commands, by which as a
religious Society we have ever felt bound unequivocally
to bear our testimony against all war, under whatever
provocation or temptation, and in support thereof
much suffering has been endured, many sacrifices
have been made, many afflictions have been borne by
our forefathers in the Truth — but the Lord delivered
out of them all.

In our own favored land in time past, liberty of conscience with little exception, has been held sacred by our Legislators and few of our members of the present generation have suffered either in person or estate on account of our christian principles. It is possible that in our entire freedom we have not all of us always been so consistent in maintaining, so concerned in upholding this testimony before our fellow men, so engaged that our light should shine in their presence as to produce conviction on their minds of the depth and sacredness of this vital testimony in our hearts. We have not, perhaps always shown that our trust for preservation was placed on the Lord Almighty and not on the strength of man— and it may be that we shall yet be required to suffer for Christs sake in the spirit of Peace. But will we shrink from suffering, if thereby we maintain a conscience void of offence toward God and man?

We tenderly entreat and exhort our dear young men not to violate or disregard a conscientious scruple— Trust in God— He is a present help in time of need— They who love Him never yet sought His face in vain— His name is a strong tower into which all these may run and find safety— Even if assailed be courteous to all, and manifest a meek and quiet spirit with that love which becomes followers of Jesus; and thus you may turn away all wrath and bring reviling & serious reflection and peradventure be instrumental in winning them to Christ. Avoid all contention and excitement and all unprofitable discussion of the measures adopted by the Rulers of our nation now in power— While you love your

country, and are ready to relieve the sufferings of our fellow men, by every christian means in your power, you may best promote your country's good by pulling up your prayers for its preservation and for the restoration of peace within all its borders.

And our elder brethren we entreat to watch over the younger in tender love — Keep near them — Counsel them for good — Endeavor to lighten their burdens should they be involved in trials — Remind them of the sure promises of God to all that put their trust in Him — Go with them into suffering if suffering should be their lot — Let it be seen of all men that the love of Christ binds us together.

While we believe it right for us thus to express our feelings and our deep concern, and to exhort all to unswerving faithfulness, we are comforted with an abiding faith that we shall not be tried beyond what we are able to bear, but that a way of escape and relief will be provided by Him, who hath power to turn the hearts of the children of men as one turneth the water course in his field, and who is most honored when most trusted — best pleased when best obeyed.

The Clerk is requested to have three thousand copies of the foregoing Minute printed, and furnished to the Meetings and Members of this Yearly Meeting.

Samuel Boyce, Clerk.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, proposing to meet again in eighth month next at Pownal, if permitted. Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At a Special meeting of our Meeting for Sufferings held in Boston the 30th of 7 mo., 1863.

At our meeting, specially called at this time on account of the trials to which our beloved younger Friends are now subjected by the Conscription Law of the General Government for supplying soldiers for the army, we have been introduced into deep and tender sympathy on account of this class and very earnest has been our desire that they may be strengthened to maintain in simplicity and humility, faithful allegiance to the Prince of Peace, and to be firm in the support of our testimony founded on the direct commands and teachings of our blessed Lord and His apostles against all war. We are very desirous that there should be no doubts in the minds of any Friends as to the incompatibility of a maintenance of our christian testimony against war, and a compliance with the existing law by payment of money as a commutation for the performance of military service—and we believe it proper to call the attention of Friends to a portion of our ancient Discipline, viz. :—

"We are sorrowfully affected, by the answers to the queries, that some friends have failed in the maintenance of our Christian testimony against wars and fighting, by joining with others to hire substitutes, and by the payment of money to exempt themselves from personal service, in the militia; a practice inconsistent with the testimony to the reign of the Prince of Peace our ancients received, and were concerned to maintain through cruel sufferings, and which the faithful in this day dare not shrink from: Which defection from our Christian testimony and general practice having been matter of sorrow to this meeting, we are concerned strongly to advise against, and that friends every where stand faithful and single in their dependence on the Lord for preservation, who alone is forever able to keep in perfect safety. And if suffering be the lot which doth result from such obedience to the divine requiring, such will, as they abide in the simplicity and innocence of truth, reap the fruits of peace in their own bosom. Let therefore the care of friends, in their several monthly-meetings, be exerted to prevent any contributions for hiring substitutes, or other methods of exempting themselves from the militia, inconsistent with our well-known testimony. 1760."

Dear friends, now is our time of trial—now is the time for us to manifest to our fellow-men that while we would pay all respect to our Government—while we sympathize with those in authority in their peculiarly painful position—while we are loyal to our country, and are disposed cheerfully to bear every burden which we may do without conflicting with our conscientious scruples—yet whatever may be our sufferings, we feel our allegiance to the King of Kings to be paramount to all other considerations.

This meeting is adopting all the means that we think calculated to procure relief—but whether successful or not, we entreat you to trust in the arm omnipotent—patiently and manfully endure suffering, if that be necessary to secure peace of conscience—and your trust will not prove in vain.

Practically we believe it may prove the safest course for Friends when they receive notice that they are conscripted, to present themselves before the designated authority at the appointed time, and in respectful terms, acknowledging their loyalty to the Government, make known their conscientious scruples against bearing arms—that they cannot avail themselves of the provisions of the existing laws by paying commutation money, or by supplying a substitute—or any other mode of exemption except the provisions for physical disability, and other exemptions as provided by said law, but that they shall for conscience sake submit quietly to the penalty that may be inflicted.—Endeavor, beloved friends, to possess your souls in patience, and manifest to all a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price, and you will find Him a present help in this our time of need.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 6th of 8th month 1863.

By accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are, viz, for Rhode Island Ruth Chace, Ruth Anthony, Amanda M Richardson. for Swansey, Sarah Slade, Rachel P Chace, Amey, S Anthony, for Greenwich, Gulielma Freeborn, Lydia Gould. for South Kingston, Electa Jane Collins, & Mary Ann Collins. for Providence Sarah F Tobey, Sarah E Reynolds, and Elsie M Chace. who being called are present except two and a sufficient reason given for the absence of both. The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting all attended agreeable to appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

An acceptable Report from our Boarding School Committee has been read at this time.

We have recieved and read the following very satisfactory communication from the meeting for Sufferings. viz.

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At our meeting, Specially called at this time on account of the trials to which our beloved younger Friends are now subjected by the Conscription Law of the General Government for supplying Soldiers for the army, we have

been introduced into deep and tender sympathy on account of this class and very earnest has been our desire that they may be strengthened to maintain in simplicity and humility, faithful allegiance to the Prince of Peace, and to be firm in the support of our testimony founded on the direct commands and teachings of our blessed Lord and His apostles against all war.

We are very desirous that there should be no doubts in the minds of any Friends as to the incompatibility of a maintenance of our christian testimony against war, and a compliance with the existing law by payment of money as a commutation for the performance of military service — and we believe it proper to call the attention of Friends to a portion of our ancient Discipline, viz:—

"We are sorrowfully affected, by the answers to the queries, that some friends have failed in the maintenance of our Christian testimony against wars and fighting, by joining with others to hire substitutes, and by the payment of money to exempt themselves from personal service in the militia; a practice inconsistent with the testimony to the reign of the Prince of Peace our ancients received, and were concern'd to maintain through cruel sufferings, and which the faithful in this day dare not shrink from:

"Which defection from our Christian testimony and general practice having been matter of sorrow to this meeting, we are concerned strongly to

advise against, and that friends every where stand faithful and single in their dependence on the Lord for preservation, who alone is forever able to keep in perfect safety. And if suffering be the lot which doth result from such obedience to the divine requiring, such will, as they abide in the simplicity and innocence of truth, reap the fruits of peace in their own bosom. Let therefore the care of friends, in their several monthly-meetings, be exerted to prevent any contributions for hiring substitutes, or other methods of exempting themselves from the militia, inconsistent with our well-known testimony. 1760."

Dear friends, now is our time of trial — now is the time for us to manifest to our fellow men that while we would pay all respect to our Government — while we sympathize with those in authority in their peculiarly painful position — while we are loyal to our country, and are disposed cheerfully to bear every burden which we may do without conflicting with our conscientious scruples — yet whatever may be our sufferings, we feel our allegiance to the King of Kings to be paramount to all other considerations.

This meeting is adopting all the means that we think calculated to procure relief — but whether successful or not, we entreat you to trust in the arm omnipotent — patiently and manfully endure suffering, if that be necessary to secure peace of conscience — and your trust will not prove in vain. Practically we believe it may prove the safest course for Friends when they receive notice that they are conscripted, to present themselves before the designated authority at the appointed time, and in respectful terms,

acknowledging their loyalty to the Government, make known their conscientious scruples against bearing arms — that they cannot avail themselves of the provisions of the existing laws by paying commutation money, or by supplying a substitute — or any other mode of exemption except the provisions for physical disability, and other exemptions as provided by said law, but that they shall for conscience sake submit quietly to the penalty that may be inflicted. — Endeavor, beloved friends, to possess your souls in patience, and manifest to all a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price, and you will find Him a present help in this our time of need.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Samuel Boyce Clerk.

"We have received at this time Transcripts of Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we hold Correspondence.

"The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed to serve this meeting, Sarah F. Tobey and Huldah M. Beede are appointed to consider the subject and propose some friends names for those stations at our next Quarterly Meeting.

"The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Somerset in 11th mo next, (if permitted.) Mary H. Smith, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Somerset 5th of 11th mo 1863.

By accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz, from Rhode Island Ruth Anthony & Cynthia Bowen from Swansey Hannah Slade, Dorcas D Shove, and Content S Earle from Greenwich Eulaelma Freeborn, Bethia D Parker from South Kingston Mary D Collins, & Ruth Ann Collins. from Providence Elizabeth Meader Eliza F Bowen, and Mary A Smith, who being called are all present.

The committee appointed at our last meeting on the subject of clerks report, they were united in proposing the reappointment of Mary A Smith and Anna F Dennis, with which the meeting unites and they are accordingly reappointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women Friends held in London and Dublin have been read.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, proposing to meet again in second month next at Providence, (if permitted)

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 4th of 2nd month 1864.

By accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Abby Dennis, Amy R Wilbor, and Ruth Anthony, from Swansey, Susan Ann Gifford, Amy S Anthony, and Mary Potter, from Greenwich Eulidalma Freeborn, and Rhoda H Buffington, from South Kingston Mary D Collins, Ruth Ann Collins, for Providence Elizabeth Meader Mary Metcalf, and Gertrude W Cartland who being called are all present except one.

Our beloved friend Rachel B Nichols attended this meeting in company with her husband Thomas B Nichols and presented a minute from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as an Elder and with her present engagement, her company has been acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute for her on behalf of the meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings. Our beloved friend Samuel Boyce is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable.

Our beloved friend Thomas B Nichols attended this meeting and presented a minute from

Passaltoco Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to sign returning minutes for each of them prepared by men friends.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Greenwich in fifth month next, (if permitted)

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Greenwich the 5th of 5th mo 1864.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are from Rhode Island, Hannah B Williams & Ruth A Anthony, from Swanson, Ruth B Gifford, Abigail Gifford, & Elizabeth Burlington. Greenwich Bethia D Parker, & Cynthia J Earle. South Kingston, Ruth Ann Collins, Lois Perry, Elizabeth Peckham. Providence, Sarah F Tobey, Huldah M Beede, Anna T Dennis, who being called are all present except one for the absence of whom a reason was assigned.

Our beloved friend Susan Rowland is in attendance of this meeting and presented a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable, and

and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of of the meeting. Our beloved friend Lydia Congdon attended this meeting in company with her sister Susan Howland and presented a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as an Elder and with her present engagement, her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute for her on behalf of the meeting.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our several Monthly meetings and a summary collected therefrom, which we forward to the Yearly Meeting, with an account signed by the Clerk, by our friends Elizabeth Meader, Sarah F. Tobey, Mary A. Smith, Anna J. Dennis, Amey S. Anthony, Ruth B. Gifford, Gulielma Freeborn, Elizabeth Peckham, Thebe C. Reynolds, Mary Williams, Hannah B. Williams, and Abby C. Gifford, whom we appoint our representatives, and they are requested to report to our next meeting.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again in eighth month next at Newport, (if permitted.)

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Newport 4th & 5th month 1864.

By accounts received from our several Monthly meetings the Representatives are from Rhode Island Mris C. Mumford & Abby Dennis, from Swanson Ruth Buffington, Maria Buffington & Lydia Mitchell, from Greenwich Julietta Freeborn & Cynthia J Case, from South Kingston Ruth Ann Collins, & Anna A Gould, from Providence Mary M Smith, Ellen R Burum & Sarah D Tobey. who being called are present except three.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended agreeable to appointment.

Our beloved friend Mary A Peckham is in attendance of this meeting and presented a minute from New Market Monthly Meeting held at Westmacland, endorsed by Buttermutts Quarterly Meeting held at Morris expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

Our beloved friend William Jenkins a minister is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of unity from Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting Ohio. his company and religious services have been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for him by men friends.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st — 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings. The London printed Epistle of 1863 has been read we trust to our comfort and encouragement.

Our beloved friend Daniel Peckham attended this meeting in company with his wife Mary A. Peckham presenting a minute from New Hartford Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as an Elder his company has been acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for him by men friends.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting Sarah Slade and Ruth B. Gifford are appointed to propose some names for those Stations to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 11th month next at Somerset (if permitted)

Mary A. Smith, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset 3d of 11th mo 1864.

By Accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz, from Rhode Island, Ruth Anthony and Mary R Wilbour from Swansey, Eliza Ann Chace, Esther Chace and Laura L Chace, from Greenwich Guliaelma Reeborn and Lydia Gould, from South Kingston, Anna A Gould and Mary D Collins, from Providence Eunice Metcalf, Mary A Smith and Sarah F Tobey who being called are all present except one, for the absence of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting on the subject of Clerks report, they were united in proposing Mary A Smith for Clerk, and Anna S Dennis for assistant Clerk, which being satisfactory to the meeting they are accordingly appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gifford is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan G Kempton attended this meeting as companion to our friend Elizabeth Gifford with a minute of unity from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, her company and solid deportment

have been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

Our esteemed friend Joseph Kempton attended this meeting in company with Elizabeth Gifford and his wife Susan G Kempton, with a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as an Elder, his company has been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute, prepared for him by men Friends.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st " 2nd " & 10th " from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in second month next at Providence, if permitted.

Mary H Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Providence 2nd of 2nd month 1865.

By accounts received from our several monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island Cynthia Bowen, Hannah Dunn and Susan Hathaway, from Swansey, Ruth B. Buffington, Susan M Gifford, and Esther Chace. from Greenwich Mary Ann Sisson, and Rhoda H Buffington. from South Kingston Mary D. Collins and Sarah A Perry. from Providence, Elizabeth Meader Gertrude W Cartland, and Sarah K. Reynolds. who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in fifth month next at Greenwich, if permitted. Mary M. Smith. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich the 4th of 5th mo 1865

By accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island Hannah Dame & Abby Dennis, from Swansey Esther Chace, Mary Slade & Phebe S Anthony, from Greenwich, Bethia D Parker, Lydia Sisson, & Lydia Gould, from South Kingston, Anna M Gould, & Ruth Ann Collins, from Providence, Huldah M. Beede, Eliza F. Bowen, & Anna T Dennis, who being called are present except two.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings and a summary collected therefrom, which with an account signed by the Clerk we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth Meader, Anna T Dennis, Sarah F Tobey, Laura L Chace, Hannah B Williams, Mary D. Collins, Gulielma Freeborn, Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary A Smith and Ruth B Gifford, who are our representatives.

Our beloved friend Isaac Jay is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Mississinewa Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Northern Quarterly Meeting held at Mississinewa

Indiana expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement, his company and gospel labors have been acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for him by men friends.

Our beloved friend Rhoda Jay is also in attendance of this meeting as companion to her husband Isaac Jay with a minute from Mississinewa Monthly Meeting held in Grant County, Indiana, expressive of their unity with her as an Elder, and with her present engagement, her company and solid deportment have been acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a returning minute conformable to the above, and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon spread before this meeting a concern that rested on his mind to make a religious visit within the limits of Baltimore Yearly Meeting as expressed in his minute of unity from Providence Monthly Meeting, which being considered and united with in this meeting, he is left at liberty to pursue the prospect as best Wisdom may direct, being a minister in unity, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in signing an endorsement for him conformable to this minute.

We unite with Swansey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Esther Chace to the station of Elder having the concurrence of men's meeting herein.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude, purposing to meet again in the 8th month next at Newport, (if permitted.)

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Newport 3d of 8th mo 1865.

By accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Hannah Dunn, & Ruth Anthony. Swansey, Sarah Slade, Susan Ann Gifford. Greenwich Lydia Gould, Gulielma Faeborn. South Kingston, Caroline S. Howard, Mary D Collins. Providence Hannah F Peckham. Mary A Smith, & Dorcas B Robinson, who being called are all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended, and we have recieved the London general Epistle, a Repot from the Boarding School Committee, printed minutes of our own Yearly Meeting, and Transcripts of Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with whom we hold Correspondence.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting, Gertrude W Cartland, Ruth B Gifford, and Susan Ann Gifford are appointed to propose some names for those Stations to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The London printed Epistle of 1864 has been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a minister in unity with us, in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern which had deeply impressed her mind for some time, and latterly with increasing weight to visit in the love of the Gospel the meetings constituting Ferisburg Quarterly Meeting, and to appoint a few meetings among those not in religious profession with us, if way should open for it, as expressed in her minute from Providence Monthly Meeting, which was considered and united with and she left at liberty to pursue the prospect as Truth may open the way, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude, purposing to meet again in 11th month next at Somerset (if permitted).

Mary A Smith, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset the 2nd of 11th mo 1865.

By Accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are; viz; from Rhode Island, Ruth Anthony, & Cynthia Bowen. from Swansey, Thebe S Anthony, Ruth Chace & Parthenia Underwood, Greenwich Uuliclma Peeboon, Lydia Gould, & Bethia D Parker, Providence Mary L Congdon Mary A Smith, & Laura S Collins. South Kingston, Lois Perry, Electa J Collins & Ruth Ann Collins, who are all present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Clerk being absent Anna J Dennis is appointed Clerk for the day.

The committee appointed in the 8th month to bring forward names for Clerks propose the reappointment of Mary A Smith for Clerk, and Anna J Dennis assistant clerk, which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to those Stations for the ensuing year. The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meaden returned the minute granted her in the 8th month, with information that she had been enabled to accomplish the service she had in prospect to the relief & peace of

her own mind, She also presented returning minutes from Peru and Ferrisburg Monthly Meetings expressing that Her company and gospel labours had been edifying and encouraging to them, which with the above account is satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie is in attendance of this meting, with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is authorized to sign on behalf of this meeting a returning minute prepared by men Friends.

The subject of changing the place of holding this meting in the 11th month from Somerset to Fall River, claiming the attention of the meeting, we unite with men Friends in their conclusion to bring the question before each of our Monthly Meetings, and they are requested to report the views of Friends in relation thereto to our next meeting.

A transcript of an Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of women Friends has been acceptably read.

The business of the meting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Providence, in 2nd month next, (if permitted).

Anna J Dennis
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Providence 1st of 2nd month 1866.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz. from Rhode Island, Cynthia Bowen, and Hannah Dane. Swansea Content S Earle, Susan Ann Gifford. Greenwich Nancy H Anthony, Rhoda H Bufington, Providence, Eunice Metcalf, Gertrude W Cartland, Mary A Smith. South Kingston Electa Jane Collins, and Lois Perry who being called, are all present except one. The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Joseph D Hoag is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting Iowa, expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for him by men Friends.

Our beloved friend Thomas B Nichols is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Tassaboro Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement his company and religious services have

been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for him by men Friends.

Our beloved friend Rachel B. Nichols is in attendance of this meeting as companion to her husband Thomas B Nichols with a minute from Tussalboro Monthly meeting expressive of their unity with her as an Elder and with her present engagement, her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and the Clerk is authoriz'd to furnish her with a returning minute signed on behalf of this meeting.

We are informed by the representatives from the men's meeting that they had concluded to appoint a Committee to consider the subject of removing our Quarterly Meeting in the eleventh month from Somerset to Fall River and we appoint Sarah F Tobey, Mary A Smith, Anna J Dennis, Gulielma Seeborn, Sarah Slade, Ruth B Gifford, Hannah Dame and Lois Perry to unite with them therein.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again at Greenwich in 5th month next (if permitted).

Mary A Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich 3d of 5th mo 1866.

By accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Ruth Anthony and Hannah B Williams. Swansey, Mary Slade, Phebe S. Anthony, and Sarah Slade. Greenwich, Rhoda Bufington, Lydia Gould, and Bethia D. Parker. Providence, Sarah K Reynolds, Mary D Congdon, Anna G Chace, and Mary A Smith. South Kingston, Anna A. Gould, Electa & Jane Collins, who being called are all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings and a summary collected therefrom, which with an account signed by the clerk we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends, Elizabeth Meader, Sarah F Tobey, Deborah Howland, Mary A Smith, Gertrude W. Cartland, Esther Chace, Hannah Dame, Gulielma Freeborn, Ruth Anthony, Phebe S Anthony, Electa Jane Collins and Anna A Gould, whom we appoint our representatives. The Committee appointed to take into consideration the removal of the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month from Somerset to Fall River report, they were not

united in making the change, the meeting accepts the report and releases the Committee.

We unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah F. Peckham to the Station of Elder, having the concurrence of Men Friends herein.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in 8th month next at Newport, (if permitted).

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 8th mo 2nd 1866.

By accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Ruth Anthony and Hannah B Williams. Swansey, Ruth B. Buffington, Ruth B. Gifford, and Maria Buffington. Greenwich Eutiebna Treeburn, and Lydia Sisson. Providence, Sarah F Tobey, Elizabeth H Paine, and Sarah G. Sutton. South Kingston Mary C Hazard, Ruth Ann Collins, who being called are present except two and a sufficient reason given for their absence.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended and we have recieved the London general Epistle, a report from the Boarding School Committee, Printed Minutes from our own Yearly Meeting and Transcripts

of Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we hold correspondence.

Our beloved friend Deborah C Thomas is in attendance of this meeting, with a minute from Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement, her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the meeting. The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2nd, & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting Elizabeth Meader and Guilielma Treborn are appointed to propose some Friends named for that service to our next meeting.

Our beloved friends Benjamin Fulghum from Whitewater Monthly Meeting, Indiana, and Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, David H Bennett from Butternuts Monthly Meeting New York and Butternuts Quarterly Meeting, and Jessey T Hartley from Gilead Monthly Meeting Ohio, and Allum Creek Quarterly Meeting are in attendance of this meeting, and presented minutes from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagement, their company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us, and the

Clerk is directed to sign returning minutes for each of them prepared by men Friends.

Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon returned at this time the minute granted him in the 5th mo 1865. with the information that he had accomplished the religious service he then had in prospect, and that the retrospect afforded him peace. He presented returning minutes from Dunnings Creek Quarterly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting, and Virginia Half Years Meeting, all expressing that his gospel labors had been acceptable to them, all of which is satisfactory to us.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting proposes that the Monthly Meetings heretofore held at Cranston next after the Quarterly Meetings, shall hereafter be held at East Greenwich with which the meeting unites.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 11th mo next at Somerset, (if permitted.)

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset 1st of 11th month 1866.

By accounts recieved from our Several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are viz, from Rhode Island, Ruth Anthony, Abby Dennis and Hannah B Williams from Swanzey, Ruth B. Gifford, Hannah Slade 2nd, and Maria Earle. Greenwich, Cynthia J Earle, and Gulielma Freeborn from Providence Sarah H Tobey, Hannah F Peckham, and Mary A Smith from South Kingston, Lois Perry, and Mary D Collins. who being called are all present except one.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Clerks, report, they were united in proposing the appointment of Mary A Smith for Clerk, and Anna T Dennis for assistant Clerk, which the meeting approves, and they are accordingly appointed to those Stations for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends expressive of their unity with her as a Minister and with her present engagement, her company and gospel labors have been acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Oliver L. Owen is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from South River Monthly Meeting, Warren County, Iowa, endorsed by South River Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of the meeting a returning minute prepared by men Friends. Our beloved friend Jeptha W. Morgan attended this meeting as companion to our friend Oliver L. Owen, with a minute of unity from South River Monthly Meeting, his company is acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for him by men Friends.

With the concurrence of Men Friends we unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Sarah R. Reynolds.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Providence, in 2nd month next, (if permitted)

Mary A. Smith. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 7th of 2nd mo 1867.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Cynthia Bowen, Susan Hathaway and Ruth Anthony. Swansey, Esther Chace, Mary S Buffington, and Mary Slade. for Greenwich Bethia D. Parker, Rhoda M Buffington. for Providence, Anne G. Chace, Mary W. Atwater, and Hannah F. Peckham. for South Kingston, Electa Jane Collins, and Dorcas G Babcock. who being called are all present except two. The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement, her company and gospel labors have been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a returning minute signed on behalf of the meeting.

Our beloved friends William C and Rhoda H Tabor attended this meeting as companions to our friend Susan Howland with a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting certifying that he is an Elder and she a minister in unity their company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph H Platt attended this meeting, with a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting held at Rochester, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Daniel Beede attended this meeting, with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting held at Epping, expressing their unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign returning minutes for the above named friends prepared in the men's meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Greenwich in 5th month next if permitted.

Mary A. Smith. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich 2nd of 5th month 1867.

By accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Abby Dennis, and Hannah Dame, from Swansey Sarah Slade, and Ally C Gifford Greenwich, Phebe C Reynolds, and Bethia D Parker, Providence, Mary Metcalf, Anna J Dennis, and Sarah K Reynolds, South

Knowlton, Caroline N. Hazard & Mary D. Collins, who being called are all present.

Our beloved friend Mary Elliot is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Goshen Monthly Meeting, Ohio, endorsed by Mum Creek Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and good labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Mary Wood is in attendance of this meeting as companion to our friend Mary Elliot with a minute from Gilead Monthly Meeting Ohio expressing their unity with her as an Elder, and with her present engagement, her company and solid department have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each of them with returning minutes signed on behalf of the meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Dillingham is in attendance of this meeting, with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing their unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Stephen Dillingham attended this meeting in company with his wife Elizabeth Dillingham with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, expressing

unity with him as a member of that meeting and with his present engagement, his company is acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for him by men Friends.

Our beloved friends David Satum and his wife Hannah B Satum are in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting held at Northbridge Mass. expressing their unity with them as ministers and with their present engagement, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for them by men Friends.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings and a summary collected there from, which, with an account signed by the Clerk, we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth Meader, Mary A Smith, Sarah F Tobey, Gulielma Freeborn, Abby C. Gifford, Hannah Dane, Mary D Collins, Ruth Anthony, Sarah Slade, Elizabeth Peckham, and Eleanor G Arnold who are our representatives to said meeting. This meeting unites with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry

of Gertrude W.m Cartland, having the concurrence of the mens meeting herein.

Men Friends informe that it continues to be desirable to a considerable portion of our members that our Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset in the eleventh month should be removed to Fall River, and that after duly considering the subject they had concluded that it should be removed, with which we unite.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in 8.th month, next at Newport, (if permitted.)

Mary A Smith. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 1.st of 8.th mo 1867.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Anna Mott and Hannah Dane, from Swansey, Susan S Gifford and Ruth Chace. from Greenwich Gulielma Freeborn, Cynthia J Earle, and Phebe C Reynolds. from Providence Anna J Dennis, Elizabeth H Austin, and Hannah F Peckham. from South Kingston Mary D Collins, and Mary C Hazard who being called are all present except one.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended, and we have received the London printed Epistle, A Report from the Boarding Scool Committee. and Transcripts of Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond

Our beloved friend Abigail D Kelley is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Greenwich Monthly Meeting Ohio endorsed by Allum Creek Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on behalf of the meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1.st 2.nd and 10.th from each of our Monthly Meetings. Our beloved friends Nathan Elliott from Sugar Plain Monthly Meeting Indiana and Concord Quarterly Meeting, Robert W.m Douglas from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio, and Daniel Mc Pherson from Gilead Monthly Meeting Missouri, and Centre Quarterly Meeting are in attendance of this meting with minutes from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present engagement, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is authorized to sign returning minutes prepared for them by men Friends. Our beloved friend Catharine Elliott an Elder who accompanies her husband Nathan Elliott is also in attendance her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve, Sarah Slade and Huldah M Beede are appointed to confer with some Friends on the subject and report to our next meeting. The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing, if permitted, to meet again in the 11th month next at Fall River.

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Fall River 7th of 11th mo 1867.

By accounts recieved from each of our Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz. from Rhode Island, Amanda M. Richardson, Margaret Anthony, and Susan Mathewson. from Swansey, Dorcas Shove, Phebe Robinson, and Ruth B. Buffington. from Greenwich, Lydia Gould, and Betsie D. Parker. from Providence, Hannah F. Peckham. Elizabeth Mauley, and Mary A. Smith. from South Kingston. Electa J. Collins, and Mary C. Hazard, who being called are all present except one.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Clerks report that they were united in proposing the names of Mary A. Smith for Clerk, and Gertrude W. Cartland, for assistant which the meeting approves and they are accordingly appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Hannah F. Fry is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Marlboro Monthly Meeting of Friends New York, endorsed by Cornwal Quarterly Meeting, expressing

unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is authorized to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Jonson is in attendance of this meeting as companion to our friend Hannah S Fry with a minute of unity from Hartford Monthly Meeting, her company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is desired to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friends Oliver G. Owen from South River Monthly Meeting, Warren County Iowa, Nathan Douglas from Durham Monthly Meeting Maine, and Newell Hoxie from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Massachusetts are in attendance of this meeting, each presenting minutes from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present engagement, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is authorized to sign retaining minutes prepared for them by their Friends.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1. 2. 10. from each of our Monthly Meetings. The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again, (if permitted) in 2nd month next at Providence.

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

Ol. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 6th mo. 2nd mo 1868.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz. from Rhode Island, Hannah Paine, Cynthia Bowen and Eirastus H. Potter from Swansea, Esther Chace, Amey S. Anthony, and Sarah Slade from Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle, and Rhoda H. Bevington. Providence, Anna G. Chace, Elizabeth Meader, and Mary C. Smith. From South Kingston, Viola J. Collins, and Anna A. Gould who being called are all present except one.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friends Samuel Gifford from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass and Howell Cadman from Nantucket Monthly Meeting held at Ephrata are in attendance of this meeting each presenting minutes from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present engagement, their company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is authorized to sign returning minutes prepared for them by our Friends.

Men Friends inform they had united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peter H. Collins to the Station of Elder with which we also unite. The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 5th month next at Greenwich. Mary C. Smith. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held 7th of 5th mo 1868. at Greenwich.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Elizabeth H. Potter, Cynthia Bowen, and Margaret Anthony, from Swansey, Ruth Chace, Abby C. Gifford and Elizabeth Buffinton, from Greenwich, Lydia Gould, and Bethia L. Parker, from Providence, Rhoda S. Dennis, Ellen H. Buffum, and Hannah W. Peckham, from South Kingston, Mary D. Collins, and Dorcas G. Babcock who being called are all present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were given.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings and a summary prepared therefrom which with an account signed by the Clerk we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth Meader, Huldah M. Beede, Cynthia Bowen, Ruth B. Gifford, Sarah Slade, Mary D. Collins, Mary A. Smith, Ruth Ann Collins, Gertrude W. Cartland, Susan Hathaway, Gulielma Freeborn, and Cynthia J. Earle who are our representatives. A Testimony of South Kingston Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Timothy C. Collins deceased has been read and approved.

We are informed that Joanna Peck a member and Elder of Greenwich Monthly Meeting deceased 15th of 10th month 1867. Aged 81 years 6 months & 16 days.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 8th mo next at Newport (if permitted)

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 6th of 8th mo 1868.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz, from Rhode Island, Ruth Anthony and Iris C. Hunicut from Swansey Ruth Chace, and Mary Slade from Greenwich. Julianna Treadon and Cynthia J. Earle from Providence Huldah A. Beede, Elizabeth Reader, & Gertrude W. Carland from South Kingston, Mary W. Collins and Ruth Ann Irons who being called are all present excepting three, for the absence of two sufficient reasons were assigned.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended and we have received the London printed Epistle, a Report from the Boarding School Committee and Transcripts of Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Eunice Winslow attended this meeting with a minute from Mt Pleasant Monthly Meeting of Friends expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is desired to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

Also Lavina M. Bridges attended this meeting as companion to our friend Eunice Winslow with a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting held at Manchester expressing unity with with her in this engagement, her company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of this minute. Our beloved friend Edward B. Young attended this meeting with a minute from Goshen Monthly Meeting Chic endorsed by Plum Creek

Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is desired to sign a returning minute prepared by our Friends. Also Joseph W. Jay his companion attended with a minute of unity from Raysville Monthly Meeting Indiana, his company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is requested to sign his returning minute. Our beloved friend Murray Thipley attended this meeting with a minute from Cincinnati Monthly Meeting of Friends expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company has been acceptable and the Clerk is requested to sign a returning minute prepared for him by our Friends.

This meeting unites with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah G. Rowland to the station of Elder having the concurrence of this meeting herein.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve, Julietta Freeborn, Sarah E. Reynolds and Elizabeth Reader are appointed to confer with some Friends for those stations and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, proposing to meet again in 11th mo. next at Fall River, (if permitted).

Mary A. Smith
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River 5th of 11th mo 1868.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings the Representatives are, viz. Rhode Island, Cynthia Bowen, and Ruth Anthony. Swanson, Esther Chace, Sarah C. Buffington and Mary G. Macomber. Greenwich Cynthia J. Earle and Julietta Freeborn. Providence Alma J. Dennis, Huldah M. Brede, and Mary R. Buffington. South Kingston, Electa J. Collins, and Alma A. Gould. who being called are all present except one.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Clerks were united in proposing the names of Mary A. Smith for Clerk and Gertrude W. Cartland for assistant, which the meeting approves and they are accordingly appointed to those Stations for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Mary Hoag attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting held at Yarmouth expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is requested to furnish her with a returning minute.

Our beloved friend Joseph K. Rail from Dover Monthly Meeting, and Lowell Hoxie from Sandwich Monthly Meeting attended this meeting with minutes from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present engagement, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign returning minutes prepared for them by men Friends.

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Our beloved friend Martha E. Ball attended this meeting in company with her husband Joseph H. Ball with a minute of unity from Lower Monthly Meeting her company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a returning minute.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted in 2nd mo next at Providence.

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 4th of 2nd mo 1869.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings the representatives are viz, from Rhode Island Margaret Anthony, Susan Hathaway and Cynthia Bowen. Swansey, Ruth Chace, Phebe Robinson, and Mary Potter, Greenwich Bethia D. Parker, and Gulielma Reeborn. Providence Mary D. Congdon, Mary A. Smith, and Eliza P. Smiley. South Kingston Ruth A. Collins, and Dorcas G. Babcock, who being called are all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

Our beloved friend Rachel B. Nichols an Elder attended this meeting in company with her husband Thomas B. Nichols with a minute of unity from Wakefield Monthly Meeting, her company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a returning minute.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings. Our beloved friends Samuel Gifford with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, John Page with a minute from Weare Monthly Meeting and Thomas B. Nichols with

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River 5th of 11th mo 1868.

Our beloved friend Huldah M. Beede a minister with whom we have unity, opened in this meeting a prospect, which had for a long time rested on her mind to visit in the love of the Gospel most of the meetings in this Yearly Meeting and to attend the Yearly Meetings of New York and Canada, most of the meetings in the latter and some of those in New York Yearly Meeting as set forth in a Certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting which claimed the solid consideration of this meeting) and was united with, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may open the way.

a minute from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting certifying unity with them as ministers and with their present engagement, attended this meeting, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign returning minutes prepared for them by men Friends. The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again, if permitted, in 5th mo next at Greenwich. Mary H. Smith. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 6th of 5th mo 1869.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from Rhode Island, Amanda M. Richardson and Abby Dennis. from Swansey Maria Buffington, Esther Chace, and Ruth B. Gifford, from Greenwich, Phebe C. Reynolds, and Lydia Gould. Providence, Mary Metcal, Lina J. Dennis, and Mary R. Buffington. from South Kingston, Mary D. Collins, and Anna M. Gould. who being called are all present.

Our beloved friend Caroline C. Talbott attended this meeting with a minute from Short Creek Monthly Meeting, held at Mount Pleasant Ohio, endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting each expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on behalf of the meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth F. Wilson attended this meeting as companion to our friend Caroline C. Talbott, with a minute from Smithfield Monthly Meeting Ohio expressing unity with her as a member and with her present engagement, her company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Joseph H. Hall attended this meeting with a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for him by men friends.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings, and a Summary prepared therefrom, which with an account signed by the Clerk we forward to the Yearly Meeting in our friends, Elizabeth Meader, Cynthia Bowen, Sarah K. Reynolds, Susan Ann Gifford, Lucas B. Robinson, Eudocia Tucker, Mary G. Collins, Mary A. Smith, Sarah Slade, Esther Chace, Huldah M. Beede, and Gertrude W. Cutland whom we appoint our representatives.

Our friends inform they had concluded to change the time of holding our meeting of Ministers and Elders at this place in the 5th month, from three O'clock, to two o'clock, with which we unite.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in 8th month next at Newport, if permitted. Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 8th month 5th 1869.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Mrs E. Mumford & Susan Matthewson, Swanson, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington and Mary A. Chace. Greenwich, Deborah H. Howland and Cynthia P. Earle. Providence Sarah K. Reynolds, Louisa S. Meader and Mary A. Smith. South Kingston, Mary G. Collins and Ruth Ann Collins, who being called are all present except one.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended, and we have received the London Epistle of 1868, a Report from the Boarding School Committee and Transcripts of Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Men Friends inform they had appointed a Committee of two from each Monthly Meeting to consider whether any change shall be made either in time or place of holding our Quarterly Meetings, and we appoint Cynthia Bowen, Hannah Lane, Sarah Slade, Phebe S. Anthony, Cynthia J. Earle Deborah G. Howland, Gertrude W. Cartland, Elizabeth Meader, Ruth Ann Collins, and Electa Jane Collins to unite with them in considering the subject and report at a future meeting.

We unite with Swansey Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mark Anthony & Amey S. Anthony.

The London Printed Epistle of 1868 has been read at this time, may we treasure up the counsel therein contained. The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve, Mary D. Congdon and Sarah Slade are appointed to propose some names for those stations to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Fall River in 11th mo next (if permitted). Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River 4th of 11th mo 1869.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island Ruth Potter and Ruth Anthony. from Swansey, Sarah E. Buffington, Ruth B. Gifford, and Dorcas D. Shove. Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle, Julielma Freeman, Providence Ellen K. Buffum, Dorcas B. Robinson, and Gertrude W. Cartland. South Kingston, Ruth Ann Collins, and Anna A. Gould. who being called are all present.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Clerks report they were united in proposing Mary A. Smith for Clerk, and Gertrude W. Cartland for assistant, which the meeting approves, and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth C. Wing attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a returning minute signed on behalf of the meeting.

Our beloved friends Newell Foxie from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Joel Bean from Springdale Monthly Meeting Iowa, and Joseph H. Pratt from Dover Monthly Meeting attended this meeting with minutes from their respective meetings certifying unity with them as ministers and with their present engagement, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is authorized to sign returning minutes prepared for them by men Friends.

Our beloved friend Martha E. Pratt attended this meeting accompanying her husband J. H. Pratt with a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as an Elder and with her present engagement, her company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is requested to furnish her with a returning minute.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st. 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

A lively Epistle from our dear Sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time, also one from Dublin. —— The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in Providence in 2nd month next if permitted.

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 3d of 2nd mo 1870.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Margaret Anthony, Susan Mott, Cynthia Bowen, Swansey, Mary S. Buffinton, Rachel P. Chace Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle. Gulielma Freeborn, Providence, Patience Haskell, Elsie M. Chace. and Ellen H. Buffum. South Kingston, Mary P. Babcock. and Ruth Ann Collins, who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings

An Epistle from our dear sisters of New York Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Newell Ordway attended this meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister, and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Daniel Beede attended this meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign copies of minutes prepared on their behalf.

The Committee appointed in 8th mo last to take into consideration whether any change should be made either in time or place of holding our Quarterly Meetings, report, that they had met and considered the subject and that way did not open to make any change, with which we unite.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 5th mo next at Greenwich, (if permitted.)

Mary A. Smith. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 5th of 5th mo 1870.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are from Rhode Island, Cynthia Bowen, Elizabeth H. Potter, and Susan Almy. from Swansey, Ruth B. Gifford, Esther Chace, and Rebecca Anthony. from Greenwich Deborah G. Howland, and Cynthia J. Earle. from Providence, Anna J. Dennis, Charlotte D. Holmes, and Celinda Metcalf. from South Kingston Anna A. Gould. Electa J. Collins, who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings and a summary prepared therefrom, which with an account signed by the Clerk, we foward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends, S F. Tobey, Elizabeth Meader, Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary D. Collins, Ellen K. Buffum, Cynthia Bowen, Anna J. Dennis, Sarah K. Reynolds, Mary A. Smith, Anna M. Collins, Phebe S. Anthony, Ruth B. Gifford, Deborah G. Howland, Gulielma Freeborn, Amanda M. Richardson, Esther Chace, and Abby D. Chace, whom we appoint our representatives.

Our beloved friend Huldah M. Beede returned at this time the Certificate granted her in the 11th mo 1868, with the information that through great mercy she had been enabled to accomplish most of the religious service she then had in prospect, and that a retrospect afforded peace, she also presented returning minutes from Canada Yearly Meeting, from New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, from Vassalboro, Falmouth, Dover and Fairfield Quarterly

Meetings, and from Yonge Street, Durham, China, Vassalboro, Unity, Litchfield, Dover, Berwick, Smithfield, Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Sandwich Monthly Meetings, all expressive of her company and religious services having been satisfactory to them, all of which is acceptable to this meeting.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend William P. Macomber attended this meeting with a minute from Westport Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is desired to sign returning minutes prepared for them by men Friends.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 8th mo next at Newport (if permitted.) Mary A. Smith, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 4th of 8th mo 1870.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from Rhode Island Hannah B. Williams, Hannah Dame, and Ruth Anthony. from Swansey, Rachel P. Chace, Sarah Slade, and Abby D. Chace. from Greenwich, Catharine C. Knowles, and Cynthia J. Earle.

Providence, Elizabeth Meader, Mary W. Atwater, and Ruth Sisson; South Kingston, Mary W. Collins and Mary D. Collins. who being called ake present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given. The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended except one who was prevented by circumstances not under her control.

We have received the London printed Epistle a Report from our Boarding School Committee, and Transcripts of Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st. 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend David H. Bennett attended this meeting with a minute from Butternutts Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Butternutts Quarterly Meeting certifying unity with him as a minister, and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is authorized to sign a returning minute prepared for him by men Friends.

With the concurrence of men Friends we unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Julielma Freeborn. An Epistle from our dear sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting, Huldah M. Beede and Sarah Slade are appointed to consider the subject and propose some Friends named for those services to our next meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again at Fall-River in 11 th month next if the Lord permit.

Mary A. Smith, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River 3d of 11 th mo 1870.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Margaret Anthony, Ruth Chace, and Finis G. M. Macomber. from Swansey, Phebe S. Anthony, Abby C. Gifford, and Lois A. Sherman. from Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle. and Rhoda H. Buffington. from Providence Sarah F. Tobey, Gertrude W. Cartland. and Huldah M. Beede, from South Kingston, Mary W. Collins, Electa J. Collins, and Mary D. Collins. who being called are all present except three and a sufficient reason given for the absence of one.

The committee appointed at our last meeting on the the subject of Clerks report, they were united in proposing Mary A. Smith for Clerk and Gertrude W. Cartland for assistant Clerk, with which the meeting united and they were appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

1870.

The Committee having charge of the Boarding School presented the following Report, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their annual report of the condition of the Boarding-School at Providence, the Committee feel themselves authorized to state that the standing of the institution, as one of the first of its class, under the management of its present board of officers has been maintained; harmony and good order have prevailed, and they have been comforted in observing an increasing sense of religious obligation among its inmates, and in not a few cases undoubted proofs of a growth in Christian life have been witnessed. They can also with thankfulness report that no severe case of illness has occurred at the school during the past year.

The number of pupils during the autumn term was one hundred and seventy-two, viz.: one hundred and eight boys, and sixty-four girls. In the spring term, one hundred and sixty-eight, viz., one hundred and seven boys, and sixty-one girls.

The officers of the institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Thomas I. Battey, Besse T. Wing, Martha G. Read and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern languages; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics, and Catharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons are occupied in scriptural instruction and reading, and portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in each department, in the morning and before retiring for the night.

In our report of last year it was stated that the net earnings of the school, as near as could be estimated, was $3,547, but on definitely closing up the yearly accounts it was found that the further sum of $766\frac{81}{100}$ had been realized from the business of the year, reducing the debt then existing to $10,868\frac{26}{100}$. The report of the auditing committee now shows, that as near as can be ascertained, the income of the school to the end of the present term will exceed its expenses, including interest paid, by the sum of $4,957\frac{48}{100}$, which deducted from the amount of debt above, leaves the present indebtedness $5,910\frac{77}{100}$. From this favorable result we may infer that, with the Divine blessing, one year more of reasonable success will nearly finish the payment for the new building.

It must be a source of satisfaction to Friends of this Yearly Meeting to know that while the character and usefulness of the school have been kept up, and the charge for board and tuition to our own members has not been greater than is charged at other similar schools, there has been paid during the past six years from the earnings of the establishment towards the valuable improvements that have been made in the school buildings the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars.

We would propose that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks to members of our Yearly Meeting be reduced to one hundred and twenty dollars, and that no change be made at this time in the price to other classes of scholars.

Proposed Schedule of Prices of Tuition, &c., per Annum.

For members of our Yearly Meeting, ...	$120 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such, ...	190 00
For all others who may be admitted, ...	300 00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, French, German or Drawing,—one-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

From information received from the treasurer of the school fund,

it appears that the income from the charitable funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, will warrant the admission of eighteen scholars the ensuing school year.

A contribution in aid of our charitable funds referred to in our report last year, amounting to one thousand eight hundred dollars, has been received and paid over to the treasurer of the school funds. While we commend the liberality of those who have contributed of the means wherewith the Lord has prospered them to this good work, we would urge upon all our dear friends throughout the Yearly Meeting the consideration whether they will not also lend a helping hand herein, that thus more of our members, who could not otherwise enjoy the benefit of the school, might be assisted in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in their generation under the fostering care of the Society.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The first half-year begins 9th mo. 7th, 1870; closes 1st mo. 25th, 1871. Winter recess begins 1st mo. 25th, 1871; closes 2d mo. 8th, 1871. Second half-year begins 2d mo. 8th, 1871; closes 6th mo. 28th, 1871.

Regulations of the School Committee.—Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half-year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half-year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting, as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Application for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 2d of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

In order that a correct list of the members of our meeting of ministers and elders may be kept upon our records, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to report the names next year, of all the ministers and elders within their limits, and

they are requested to report annually in addition to our present practice, all the names of those who remove without the limits of our Yearly Meeting, and of those who remove within the limits of each Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting was introduced into exercise on behalf of those who have been in membership with us, but on various accounts have lost that right, and also for the descendants of such and for other non-members who manifest an attachment to Friends by attending our meetings;—and under a belief that a responsibility rests upon us, and a religious duty is required of us towards such, Monthly Meetings were encouraged to appoint committees to visit them in the spirit of restoring love, and labor with them, in the ability afforded, in order to bring them into the bosom of the church, manifesting the interest and solicitude of Moses towards Hobab, his brother-in-law, witnessed by the kind invitation, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYCE, *Clerk.*

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford attended this meeting with a minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is authorized to sign a returning minute prepared for him by Men Friends.

The Queries have been read with answers to the first, second, and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings. An acceptable Epistle from our dear sisters of Dublin Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Providence in second month next (if permitted.)

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 2nd of 2nd mo 1871.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are, viz, from, Rhode Island Margaret Anthony, and Susan Mott. for Swansey, Rachel P. Chace, Phebe S. Anthony, and Addie F. Slade. Greenwich, Gulielma Feeborn, and Cynthia J. Earle. Providence, Anna T. Dennis, Ellen K. Buffum, and Huldah M. Beede. South Kingston, Lois Perry and Dorcas G. Babcock. who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Abigail M. Hanson attended this meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting held at Epping, expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend David Dudley attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Solomon Foxie attended this meeting accompanying our friend David Dudley with a minute from the same Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a member and with his present engagement, his company has been acceptable, and the Clerk is requested to sign returning minutes prepared for them by men Friends.

We unite with Swansey Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Susan Ann Gifford, having the concurrence of Men Friends herein.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 5th month next at Greenwich, if permitted.

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 4th of 5th mo 1871.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from Rhode Island, Margaret Anthony and Elizabeth H. Potter. from Swansey, Ruth B. Gifford, Phebe S. Anthony, Esther Chace from Greenwich, Rhoda H. Bufington, and Gulielma Freeborn. from Providence, Hannah F. Peckham, Anna T. Dennis, and Rebecca H. Steere. from South Kingston, Mary C. Hazard. and Mary D. Collins who being called are present except three and a reason given for the absence of two.

Our beloved friend Peace Jones attended this meeting with a minute from China Monthly Meeting, of Friends, expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable, and the Clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read with answers therefrom each of our Monthly Meetings and a summary prepared therefrom, which with an account signed by the Clerk we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our

Friends Elizabeth Meader, Guilelma Treborn, Ruth B. Gifford, Sarah Slade, Hannah F. Peckham, Cynthia Bowen, Mary A. Smith, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah Dame, Anna J. Dennis, and Mary D Collins whom we appoint our representatives.

An interesting Memorial of our late dear friend Moses H. Beede was read and approved and is to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings.

We unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the ministry of Cynthia J. Earle having the concurrence of Men friends herein.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude purposing to meet again in 8th mo next at Newport (if permitted)

Mary A. Smith, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 3rd of 8th mo. 1871.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives are from Rhode Island, Hannah B. Williams, Margaret Anthony, and Elizabeth H. Potter.
Swansey, Phebe S. Anthony, and Sarah Slade.
Greenwich Catharine C. Knowles and Cynthia J. Earle.
Providence, Anna J. Dennis, Dorcas B. Robinson, and Mary A. Smith.
South Kingston, Mary D. Collins, and Mary C. Harard.
who being called are present except two for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons were given.

The Clerk being absent, Gertrude W. Cartland is appointed to serve for the day.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended. The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st. 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth L. Comstock attended this meeting with a certificate from Raisin Monthly Meeting Michigan, endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting, expressing unity with her as a minister, and with her present engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is authorized to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

We have also the acceptable company our beloved friend John T. Comstock companion to his wife Elizabeth L. Comstock presenting a minute expressing unity with him as an elder, and with his present engagement. his company has been acceptable to us.

Having the concurrence of Men Friends we unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Charlotte D. Holmes.

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired, we appoint our friends Sarah Slade and Anna T. Dennis to consider the subject and propose to our next Quarterly Meeting some friendes to serve in those stations the ensuing year.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Fall River in the 11. th Mo next if permitted.

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River 2nd & 11th mo 1871.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives are from Rhode Island, Ruth Anthony and Hannah Dame from Swansey, Mary G. Macomber and Rachel P. Chace from Greenwich, Gulielma Freeborn and Cynthia J. Earle from Providence, Gertrude W. Cartland and Ruth Sisson. South Kingston, Mary P. Babcock, and Anna E. Collins. who being called are present except three and a reason given for the absence of one.

The Committee appointed to propose names for Clerks are not ready to report, and they are continued to pay attention to the subject and report to our next meeting. and Mary A. Smith and Gertrude W. Cartland are appointed to serve for the day.

Our beloved friend Mary E. Bowerman attended this meeting with a minute from Robin Monthly meeting endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on behalf of the meeting.

Our beloved friend Sarah E. Carney attended this meeting with a minute from China Monthly Meeting held at South China, expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Cartland attended this
as companion to Sarah E. Varney
meeting with a minute ~~xxxx~~ of unity from Durham
Monthly Meeting, her company and solid deportment
have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed
to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read in this meeting,
with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. from each
of our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives from the men's meeting inform
that a proposition had been made to change the
time of holding our Quarterly Meetings from
eleven oclock, to half past ten, and that they
had appointed a Committee, and we appoint
Cynthia Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland,
Phebe S. Anthony, Gulielma Freeborn, and Mary
D. Collins a similar Committee to unite with
theirs in considering the Subject and report to
a future meeting.

An Epistle from our dear Sisters of London
Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

The business of the meeting being closed,
we conclude, purposing to meet again in
Providence in the 2nd. mo next (if permitted)

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 1st of 2nd month 1872.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the representatives are from Rhode Island, Hannah Dana, Cynthia Bowen, and Finis G. M. Macomber from Swansey, Susan Ann Gifford, and Content S. Earle from Greenwich, Julielma Freeborn, and Eleanor G. Arnold Providence, Hannah F. Peckham, Ellen E. Buffum, and Mary A. Smith from South Kingston, Electa J. Collins and Mary P. Babcock who being called are all present except three and a reason given for the absence of one.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Clerks report, they were united in proposing Mary A. Smith for Clerk, and Gertrude W. Cartland for assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Catharine Moore attended this meeting with a minute from Pickering Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting, held at Maripposa Canada, expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of this minute

Also her sister Rachel Doyle who accompanies her attended this meeting with a minute from Yonge Street Monthly Meeting Canada, expressing unity with her as an Elder and with her present engagement, her company and solid deportment have

been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st. 2nd and 10th. from each of our Monthly Meetings.

An interesting Epistle from our dear Sisters in Dublin was read.

We unite with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Susanna Mott to the Station of Elder. we also unite with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the aphointment of Jacob Mott to the Station of Elder.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Greenwich, in the 5th. month next, if permitted. Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 2nd, of 5th. Mo 1872.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives are from Rhode Island, Margaret Anthony Hannah Dawe, and Susan Mott. from Swansey, Susan Ann Gifford, Maria Buffinton Greenwich, Gulielma Freeborn, Cynthia F. Earle. Providence, Celinda Metcalf, Mary W. Atwater and Gertrude W. Cartland. from South Kingston, Harriet D. Collins, and Electa Jane Collins, who are present except one.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings and a summary prepared therefrom, which with

an account signed by the Clerk, we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends, Anna T. Dennis, Gertrude W. Cartland, Ruth B. Buffington, Hannah B. Williams, Sarah Slade, Elizabeth Mead Eulichna Freeborn, Sarah K. Reynolds, Mary A. Smith, Mary D. Collins, Mary W. Atwater, and Cynthia Bowen, whom we appoint our represent-atives.

A lively and intersting Memorial concerning our late beloved friend Gilbert Congdon from Providence Monthly Meeting was read and approved and is to be forwarded to the meeting for Sufferings.

An acceptable Epistle from our Sisters of New York Yearly Meeting was read.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of changing the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings from eleven o'clock to half past ten, Report, they were united in making the change with which we unite, and the change is accordingly to be made in all of our Quarterly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Huldah M. Breede a minister with whom we have unity, in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern that had rested on her mind for some time, to attend in the love of the Gospel the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Canada, Iowa, and Western, and the opening of Kansas Yearly Meeting. to attend by appointment or otherwise some of the meetings within their limits, and if way

should open for it, to attend some meetings going and returning, as set forth in her minute from Providence Monthly Meeting, which claimed the solid consideration of the meeting and was feelingly united with in this and the men's meeting, and she was left at liberty to proceed therein as her Heavenly Father opens the way before her, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on behalf of the meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Newport in the 8th month next, if permitted.

Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 1st of 8th mo 1872.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives are from Rhode Island, Cynthia Bowen and Elizabeth H. Potter from Swansey, Sarah Slade & Phebe S. Anthony Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle & Eleanor G. Arnold Providence, Elizabeth Meader, Louise N. Meader and Celinda Metcalf from South Kingston, Mary C. Hazard, and Dorcas G. Babcock, who being called are present except two.

The assistant Clerk being absent Cynthia J. Earle is appointed to serve for the day.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended. The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth L. Comstock attended this meeting with a minute from Rollin Monthly meeting endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement. her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on behalf of the meeting. Our beloved friend John J. Comstock who accompanies his wife E. L. Comstock attended this meeting with a minute from Rollin Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as an Elder, his company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Lewis Bedell attended this meeting with a minute from Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting endorsed by Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk is authorized to sign returning minutes for the two last named prepared by men friends.

We have received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting in regard to General Meetings, and we appoint, Susan Mott, Ellen L. Congdon, Hannah F. Peckham, Mary L. Collins, Sarah Slade, Deborah Howland, Cynthia J. Earle, Ruth Ann Collins, Susan Ann Gifford, Hannah Dame, Ellen H. Buffum, Arabella E. Winn, and Anna T. Dennis to constitute a committee to attend to the subjects therein recommended and report to the meeting next year. We have received the following minute from our last Yearly Meeting, in regard to the Revision of Discipline, and it is recommended that our subordinate

AT NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS,

HELD IN THE SIXTH MONTH, 1872.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

By the reports received from four of our Quarterly Meetings, a request was contained therein that this meeting would take under solid and prayerful consideration the subject of holding General Meetings for Divine worship within its limits, under the care and direction of a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting. This subject being one of vital importance, the meeting during the consideration of it was deeply exercised to know the mind of Truth, and a very full expression was given in favor of granting the request, and the men and women representatives now in the attendance of this meeting are requested to confer together, and present to a future sitting of both men and women friends, in separate sessions, the names of suitable friends to compose a committee to take charge of this concern on behalf of this meeting. And our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee in considering of any application, and deciding the same, which may be made for holding a General Meeting. And when permission is granted for holding such meetings, it will be the duty of the committee to see that a suitable portion of their number are in attendance thereof, and take the meeting under their care and direction; and they are to report to this meeting next year.

Names of Committee.—George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith, Cynthia Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Samuel Boyce, John Paige, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, William C. Taber, David K. Akin, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Abraham Winslow, Elisha Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice D. Cartland, Richard Battey, Samuel H. Colton, Ann K. Colton, Lydia Haight, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Sybil Jones, Ann E. Lang, Albert C. Buffum, Joseph H. Pratt, Martha E. Pratt, Hannah G. Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Chas. F. Coffin, Sen., Lavinia M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Abner Slade, Thomas E. Steere, Stephen Beede, Edward W. Howland, Rachel S. Howland, Maria B. Jones, Eliza P. Gardner, and Ruth S. Wood.

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting.

CHARLES R. TUCKER, Clerk.

AT NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS,

HELD IN THE SIXTH MONTH, 1872.

REVISION OF DISCIPLINE.

The several articles which have been adopted by this meeting have now become its discipline, and our subordinate meetings are directed to be governed by its provisions when official copies of this minute are received by them, and also copies of the work. We appoint Charles Taber, John Milton Earle, Henry T. Wood, and William C. Taber, to cause an edition of 1,000 copies to be printed in good plain type, and to furnish all our subordinate meetings with the number of copies required for their use. The balance of the edition to be placed in the hands of the treasurer of this meeting, to be sold to our members at cost.

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting.

CHARLES R. TUCKER, Clerk.

Meetings be governed by its provisions when received by them.

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chace in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern which had rested on his mind to visit and appoint some meetings within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and if way should open for it, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas as expressed in his minute from Swansey Monthly Meeting which claimed the attention of the meeting and was united with, he being a minister in unity with us. and the Clerk is requested to sign a minute prepared for him by friends.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Fall River in the 11th. mo next, if permitted. Mary A. Smith Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River, 7th. of 11th. mo 1872.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the representatives are, from Rhode Island, Annabella E. Winn, and Susan Mott. from Swansey, Maria Earle, and Rebecca Anthony. from Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle. and Rhoda H. Buffington. from Providence, Mary A. Smith, Ellen L. Congdon, and Charlotte D. Holmes. from South Kingston, Harriet D. Collins and Electa J. Collins, who being called are present except six, most of whom probably were prevented from attending by a severe storm.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2nd. and 10th. from each of our Monthly Meetings.

An acceptable Epistle from our sisters of London Yearly Meeting containing much excellent counsel has been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Amos Bond attended this meeting with a minute from Deer Creek Monthly Meeting held in Grant County, Indiana, indorsed by Mississinewa Quarterly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our beloved friend Edward C. Young attended this meeting with a minute from Goshen Monthly Meeting, Logan County Ohio, indorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister, his company and religious services have been acceptable.

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is authoized to sign returning minutes for each of them prepared in the Men's meeting.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve, Anna T. Dennis and Gulielma Freeborn were appointed a committee to propose some friends names for the consideration of our next meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in Providence in the 2nd. month next, (if permitted.)

Mary A. Smith Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 6th of 2nd mo 1873.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly meetings except South Kingston, which was omitted on account of inclement weather, it appears that the representatives are from Rhode Island, Annabella E. Winn, and Susan J. Holl, from Swansey, Sarah E. Buffington, Phebe S. Anthony, and Maria Buffington, from Warwick, Rhoda H. Buffington and Cynthia J. Earle from Providence, Elizabeth Meader, Sarah F. Tobey, and Ellen K. Burgum, who being called are present.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Clerks report, that they were united in proposing Mary A. Smith, for Clerk, and Gertrude W. Carlland for assistant, which being approved, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. from each of our Monthly Meetings except South Kingston.

Our beloved friend Eli Jones attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Third Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our beloved friend Thomas B. Nichols attended this meeting, with a minute of unity from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk was authorized to sign returning minutes prepared for them in the men's meeting.

With the concurrence of the men's meeting, we unite with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah B. Williams to the station of Elder, we also unite with that Monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and

approving the public appearances in the ministry of Abner Potter Junr.

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chace returned at this time the minute granted him in the 8th. month last to attend to some religious service, with the information that he had been enabled to accomplish what he then had in prospect to the peace of his own mind, and presented a returning minute from Kansas Yearly Meeting, expressing that he acceptably attended that meeting. Also one from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting held at Oskaloosa Iowa, certifying that he acceptably attended that meeting. and one from East Goshen Monthly meeting certifying that his company and gospel labors had been acceptable to them, all of which is satisfactory to us.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Greenwich, in the 5th. month next, if permitted. Mary A. Smith, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 1st of 5th mo. 1873

By accounts received from each of our Monthly meetings it appears that the representatives are from Rhode Island, Eliza Chace, Hannah Dame, and Finis G. M. Macomber from Swansey, Charity G. Chace, Esther Chace, from Greenwich, Rhoda H. Buffinton, Cynthia J. Earle from Providence, Hannah F. Peckham, Mary H. Sutton, and Mary A. Smith from South Kingston, Ruth A. Collins, and Anna A. Gould who being called are present.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Sandwich Monthly meeting his company and religious services have been acceptable

to us, and the clerk is authorized to sign a returning minute prepared for him in the men's meeting.

The Queries have been read, with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings and a summary prepared therefrom, which, with an account signed by the clerk we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends, Elizabeth Meader, Sarah F. Tobey, Ellen L. Congdon, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Sarah Slade, Mary R. Smith, Ruth Ann Collins, Anabella E. Winn, Julielma Freeborn, Cynthia Bowen, Eliza Chace, and Rebecca Anthony, whom we appoint our representatives. We unite with Swansey Monthly meeting in the appointment of Joseph C. Anthony and Priebe S. Anthony to the station of Elder having the concurrence of men friends we also unite with that Monthly meeting in the appointment of Nathan Chace to the station of Elder. Men Friends informed that they had united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles W. Earle to the station of Elder with which we also unite.

We unite with South Kingston Monthly meeting in discontinuing the meetings at Peacedale in the middle of the week, except those on the days on which the preparative meetings are held.

Men Friends informed they had united with the following request from Greenwich Monthly meeting viz:— "In view of the fewness of our members who are in a condition to attend our Monthly Meetings, and the small amount of business which usually claims our attention, this meeting has in joint session, taken into its deliberate and weighty consideration

the discontinuance of a portion of them, which has resulted in the conclusion to ask the Quarterly Meeting to allow us to hold only those preceding each Quarter to be held at Coventry in Spring and Summer, and at East Greenwich in Fall and Winter, the midweek meetings only to be omitted when those Monthly meetings are held. — "also the discontinuance of our meetings during the session of the Yearly Meeting." which has been considered and united with by this meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Newport, in 8th. month next, if permitted. Mary A. Smith. Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 8th mo. 7th. 1873.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly meeting it appears that the representatives are, from Rhode Island, Hannah B. Williams, and Finis G. Macomber: from Swansey, Harriet Bliven, and Phebe S. Anthony. from Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle, and Catharine C. Knowles from Providence, Mary A. Smith, Hannah F. Peckham, and Celinda Metcalf, from South Kingston, Dorcas G. Babcock, and Electa J. Collins. who being called are present except two.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they are attended. The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. from each of our Monthly Meetings.

An interesting and instructive Epistle from our dear sisters of London Yearly Meeting was read.

Our beloved friend Joel Bean attended this meeting with a minute from Springdale Monthly Meeting, indorsed.

by Springdale Quarterly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is requested to sign a returning minute prepared for him by Men Friends.

The Committee on General Meetings, made the following report, viz, —— Two meetings have been held, one in Somerset, Swansey Monthly Meeting, and one in Newport, Rhode Island, Monthly meeting; these meetings were attended by ministers of the gospel, and others from our own and other Yearly Meetings who were drawn by the love of Christ to labor among us.

The meetings were well attended by most of the members in the Monthly Meetings in which they were held.

We believe they were seasons of spiritual profit and blessing in which Christ was glorified and many were made willing to acknowledge His great goodness and mercy.

On behalf of the Committee

Joseph E. Macomber

Sarah Slade.

which has been considered and accepted and it is concluded to continue the same committee who served last year, with the exception of Mary D. Collins deceased and Susan Ann Gifford removed from Swansey Monthly Meeting, and Phebe S. Anthony is appointed to take the place of Susan Ann Gifford as a member of that Committee.

We unite with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Edward W. Collins.

We have recieved the following Repot of a Committe
At a Representative Meeting for New England, held at
Newport, 6th Mo. 13th, 1873, the Committee appointed in
relation to the expenses of Friends traveling in the Ministry,
made the following report, viz:—

To New England Representative Meeting of Friends:

The Committee to whom was refered the subject
of expenses of Friends traveling in the Ministry among us
from other Yearly Meetings, report,—

That it is the duty of the Church to encourage and promo
the Spread of the Gospel, and of all the members thereof
to contribute to this blessed purpose according to their abilit

We would suggest that it shall be the duty of the
Overseers of each Monthly Meeting to see that all Ministers
from other Yearly Meetings, duly accredited and engaged in
the prosecution of Gospel service within their limits, be
provided with suitable company, if any is needed, and the
means of transit from place to place. If any Monthly
Meeting is unable to pay all such expenses, they may call
upon a Standing Committee of their Quarterly Meeting,
appointed for such Special purpose, who may reimburse the
same or such part thereof as they may think the case
requires. If the burden is at any time too great for the
Quarterly Meeting, they may call upon the Representative
Meeting, and that meeting shall consider all such calls,
and render assistance whenever in the judgment of that
meeting the circumstances justify it. The Committee recom
mend also, that whenever a Minister is liberated to travel in
the ministry by any of our Monthly Meetings, the Overseers of the
meeting shall call upon him and confer with him about
the arrangements for the journey, and to see that he is provided

with suitable company, if any is needed, and with sufficient means to complete the journey, if the friend needs assistance.

If any Monthly Meeting, at any time, is unable to bear all such expense, it may call upon the Quarterly Meeting's Committee; and the Quarterly Meeting, if unable, may call upon the Representative Meeting, precisely as provided in the case of ministers from other Yearly Meetings, in this report. On behalf of the Committee.

Edw. W. Howland,
Chas. F. Coffin.

Newport, 6th Mo. 13th, 1873.

Which was satisfactory to the meeting, and being subsequently approved by the Yearly Meeting, the Clerk of this meeting was directed to cause a sufficient number of copies to be printed to supply our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the meeting.

Wm. C. Newhall, Clerk.

Lynn, 7th Mo. 28th, 1873.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again at Fall River in the 11th Mo. next, if permitted. Mary A. Smith, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River the 6th of 11th mo 1873.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives are, from Rhode Island, Margaret Anthony, Hannah Dame, and Susan H. Almy, from Swansey, Mary C. Chace, Sarah E. Buffington, and Abby C. Tyrrel, from

Greenwich, Gulielma Freeborn, and Cynthia J. Earle from Providence, Judith Stevens, Hannah F. Peckham, and Huldah M. Beede from South Kingston, Anna A. Gould and Ruth Ann Collins, who being called are present except two. The assistant Clerk being absent Cynthia J. Earle is appointed to serve for this time.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. from each of our Monthly meetings.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve, Anna J. Dennis and Gulielma Freeborn are appointed a committee to propose some Friends names for that service to our next meeting.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in Providence in the 2nd. month next, if permitted. Mary A. Smith Clerk